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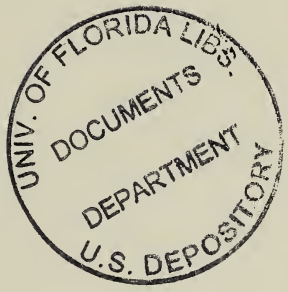

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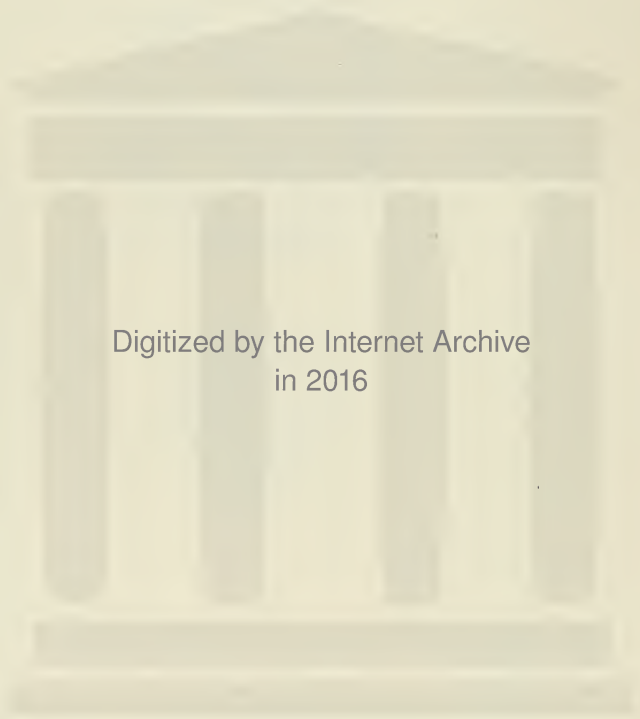
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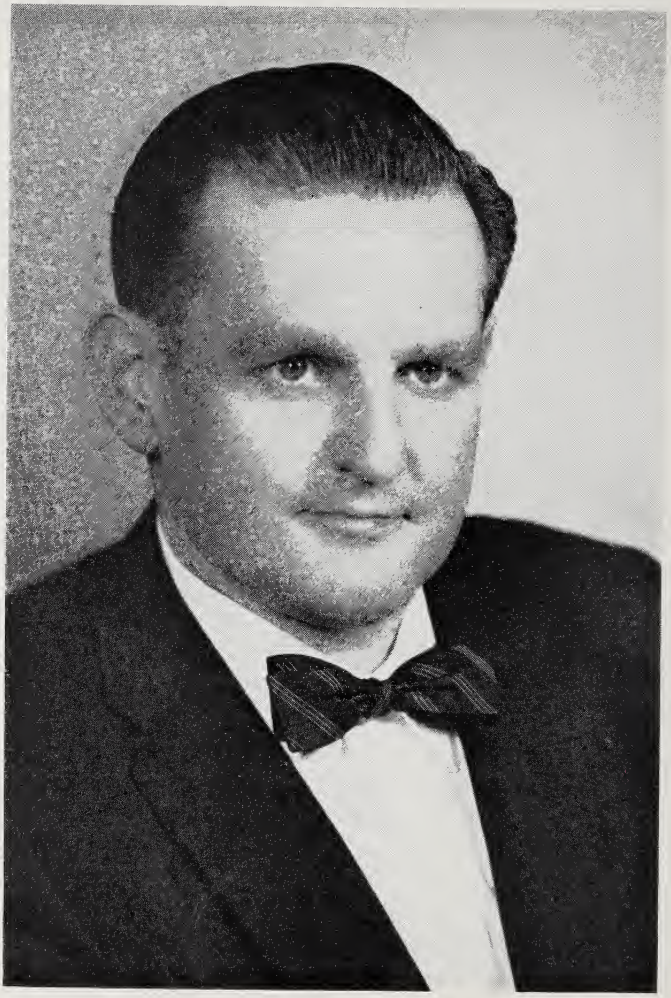

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Biography

DAVID MCKEE HALL was born in Sylva, Jackson County, N.C., May 16, 1918; attended the public schools in Jackson County, N.C.; special student at the University of North Carolina, receiving a certificate of law in 1947 and a law degree in 1948; was admitted to the bar and in 1948 commenced the practice of law in Sylva, N.C.; served as attorney for the towns of Sylva, Dillsboro, Webster, and Jackson County; in 1952 was appointed to the 20th Judicial District Committee; organized the Jackson County Savings & Loan Association and served as secretary; in 1953 organized Jackson County Industries, Inc., and served as president; member of the North Carolina State Senate in the 1955 session; member of North Carolina Board of Water Commissioners 1955–1958; paraplegic and confined to wheel chair since 15 years of age; farmer and cattle raiser; elected as a Democrat to the 86th Congress and served from January 3, 1959, until his death in Sylva, N.C., January 29, 1960; interment in Webster Methodist Church Cemetery, Webster, N.C.

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Proceedings in the House

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1960.

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution.

The Clerk read the resolution (H. Res. 434), as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable DAVID M. HALL, a Representative from the State of North Carolina.

Resolved, That a committee of 12 Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints as members of the funeral committee the following Members on the part of the House: Mr. Cooley, Mr. Barden, Mr. Durham, Mr. Bonner, Mr. George P. Miller, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Fountain, Mr. Jonas, Mr. Kitchin, Mr. Lennon, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Whitener.

The Clerk will report the balance of the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 29 minutes p.m.) the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, February 2, 1960, at 12 o'clock noon.

MEMORIAL ADDRESSES

TUESDAY, *February 2, 1960.*

The Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Amos 5: 14: *Seek good and so the Lord shall be with you.*

Almighty God, may Thy Holy Spirit now take complete possession of our spirits, giving us insight and inspiration as we seek to be victorious over life's many trials and strive to solve its perplexing problems.

We pray that Thou wilt weave into the texture and fabric of our minds and hearts the virtues of faith and courage, of patience and endurance.

May Thy peace have its habitation in our souls and fill us with that inner strength which can never be defeated by any fears and anxieties.

Wilt Thou bestow Thy benediction upon all who are laboring for the good of mankind, bringing to humanity the blessings of health and happiness, of safety and security.

We thank Thee for the life and character of our colleague whose spirit now dwells with Thee in eternal blessedness. Grant unto the members of his bereaved family the consolations of Thy grace.

Hear us in Christ's name. Amen.

A message from the Senate by Mr. McGown, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION 264

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of the Honorable DAVID M. HALL, late a Representative from the State of North Carolina.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Vice President to join the committee on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Senate, at the conclusion of its business today, take a recess until 10:30 antemeridian tomorrow.

Remarks by Representative Bonner

Of North Carolina

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with much sadness that I announce to the House the death of the Honorable DAVID M. HALL of the 12th District of North Carolina. Mr. HALL was a sincere, dedicated citizen of our State; dedicated to the welfare of North Carolina, the welfare of the Government of the United States, and of his own area of our State, the 12th District.

His life was carried on with determination, for from childhood he was beset with infirmities that would ordinarily have retarded the progress that he did make.

It was with great admiration that all of us in North Carolina followed his career; the completion of his formal education, his desire to go forward and be a part of his community, of the State, and eventually to take part in the work and in the debates of this, the greatest legislative body on the face of the earth. He was a devout Christian gentleman.

Mr. Speaker, I should like to express to his family the deep feeling of the North Carolina delegation at his passing, to say how much we respected him and how much we will miss him.

Remarks by Representative Hemphill

Of South Carolina

Mr. HEMPHILL. Mr. Speaker, along with my distinguished colleague the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. Bonner], and in behalf of the citizenry of my State and my own district, I should like to pay tribute to the courage of our late distinguished friend. While I have seen other men who wore the uniform of their country which perhaps signified courage—this one man, in my opinion, wore the uniform of courage. Despite afflictions which would make stronger men cringe, he never complained.

His office was just down the hall from mine in the Old House Office Building, and I used to go down and visit with him occasionally, sometimes after various operations that he had had and seizures which put him in some of the hospitals where he spent so much of his life. He never complained to me about the fate that was his or about his difficulties.

He was interested in the work of the Congress. He loved being a Member of Congress. He loved his committee, the Committee on Science and Astronautics and he used to tell me how much he enjoyed sitting with the committee and taking part in the hearings. He loved Members of this Congress as dedicated men, because he was a dedicated man.

This man was truly a courageous American, and I salute his courage and extend my sympathy to his family and friends.

DAVID HALL lived a life that would serve as an inspiration to any who knew him. He was quiet by nature, but one could sense, underneath his gentleness, great determination, and strong will. His life was no compromise with anything he thought wrong, and, aside from the magnificent physical courage I have spoken of, he had the courage of his convictions.

We extend our sorrow to his beloved and gracious family. We join them in sorrow at his passing. We who knew him here in Congress knew of the great future he had had his life been spared. We knew, and we now salute, his love for his country, and his countrymen.

DAVID HALL served his people well. His home district should be proud of him, even as we are proud to have served with him.

The world is a better place today because he lived, and today, tomorrow, and for days to come, many of us, in times of trouble, or affliction, or distress, shall gain courage from his courage, life from his life, and faith from his example.

South Carolina joins her sister State in mourning. Our deepest sympathies go out to his family.

Remarks by Representative Jonas

Of North Carolina

Mr. JONAS. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleague from North Carolina, and colleagues from other States who will be speaking today, in paying a personal tribute to the memory of our departed friend and colleague.

The news that DAVID HALL had passed away came as a shock because I had been persuaded to believe that he might be on the road to recovery from his most recent attack and had looked forward to seeing him return to his post of duty here in the House of Representatives. But this was not to be and, as it comes to all men sooner or later, death came to DAVID HALL and removed him from our midst.

It was my privilege on yesterday, albeit a sad one, to attend the funeral services for DAVID HALL in the beautiful little town of Sylva, Jackson County, N.C. The great outpouring of people, from all walks of life, who turned out in very inclement weather to pay their final respects to their friend and neighbor was very impressive. But the most impressive thing about the service to me was the unanimity with which the ministers and townspeople commented on the great courage and determination displayed throughout his life by this young man whose untimely death we mourn today.

As all of us could observe who knew DAVID, he was greatly handicapped by physical infirmities and disabilities. These would have caused most men to give away to despair. But not this unusual young man who was blessed with a keen mind and an indomitable determination to rise above his infirmities, to overcome his handicaps and make a success of his life. Those of us who were privileged to serve with him here know how well he succeeded in this undertaking.

DAVID HALL will be missed by many who, despite his physical handicap, looked to him for leadership and guidance.

Although his service was not lengthy in the House of Representatives and on the important committee where he served so well, I am sure he will be missed by all of his colleagues here who had formed such a warm regard for him and who respected him so highly. And he will be missed by a host of friends who believed in him and followed his struggle against tremendous odds with such admiration. I should like to be numbered among those who will miss DAVID in the days that lie ahead and I join with them in mourning his passing from this earthly scene.

Mrs. Jonas joins me in expressing deep and sincere sympathy to DAVID'S beloved and devoted wife, to his lovely and charming young daughters, to his mother, his brother, and other members of the family.

Remarks by Representative Scott

Of North Carolina

Mr. SCOTT. Mr. Speaker, circumstances beyond his control prevented our colleague, DAVID M. HALL, from participating in the wars our country has engaged in from time to time on the high seas and battlefields of the world. Even so, no soldier of fame or fortune ever demonstrated greater strength and courage.

Stricken at an early age by a blow that would have totally defeated one of lesser quality and courage, he returned to the battlefield of an active and useful life, not just once but time after time he returned. There is no substitute for courage, determination, initiative and stamina. He had all of these and more, perhaps in greater quantity, if such can be so measured, than any person it has been my privilege to know. In my estimation he was a hero in the many, many battles he had to face during his career. He faced many an armored knight, so to speak, who rained upon him blow on blow. He knew the cutting depth of many a rapier thrust, but he never fled the field. He was one of the most honorable and conscientious men it has been my privilege to know. He was a friend and he lived "in a house by the side of the road."

A man of weaker steel could not have undertaken the hardships and sacrifices incident to a congressional campaign, but he was a pure-blooded, fighting man from the beginning. He knew no retreat; he knew no defeat. He loved freedom and justice. He fought for these all of his life. And now true freedom has come to DAVID, and from Him alone who sets the heart at rest.

I join our colleagues and the host of other loyal friends in extending to Mrs. Hall, her fine children and other mem-

bers of the family my sincere and heartfelt sympathy. In this time of trial and sorrow, may they find a degree of comfort in the strength and courage that stood DAVID in such good stead through all of his adult life.

Remarks by Representative Lennon

Of North Carolina

Mr. LENNON. Mr. Speaker, I deeply regret the passing of my fellow North Carolinian, our friend and colleague, Representative DAVID M. HALL, on Friday, January 29, 1960.

In spite of DAVID'S handicap of being in a wheelchair since the age of 12, his indomitable spirit and energy propelled him through college where he earned his law degree, won for him election to the North Carolina State Senate and ultimately a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

DAVID'S outlook on life was refreshing, and his courage in spite of physical infirmity was an inspiration to all who knew him. His capable service in the North Carolina State Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives and his dedication to duty earned for him high respect and esteem.

A man of deep principle, great logic, and ability, DAVE HALL was a distinguished North Carolinian, a great American, and a devoted public servant.

Those of us who attended the funeral yesterday afternoon in Sylva, N.C., were moved by the demonstration of profound sorrow and sense of loss of those who had loved and admired DAVE during his lifetime.

We brought back to Washington with us some of the spirit that DAVE always demonstrated, as well as his inspiring courage, which was a part of his entire life.

I join with my colleagues and DAVID HALL'S host of friends in expressing my deepest sympathy to his widow and children.

Remarks by Representative Whitener

Of North Carolina

Mr. WHITENER. Mr. Speaker, it is with a profound sense of sadness that I join with my colleagues today in the House in voicing my admiration and respect for the life, character, and public service of the late DAVID MCKEE HALL.

On January 29, 1960, it pleased Almighty God to call DAVE HALL to greater service in the land of everlasting life. And in his departure from our midst to gain the rich reward that awaits those who labor in good and just causes DAVE HALL has left behind a host of sorrowing friends and a vacuum in the public life of his State and Nation that will not be easily filled.

Mr. Speaker, in every generation we are blessed with men who reach great heights over seemingly insurmountable difficulties. The life of DAVE HALL is an outstanding example of the truth of this statement.

Although he was only 41 years of age at the time of his passing, he had triumphed over difficulties that would have defeated many men of less courage to make a record of outstanding service in his native North Carolina and to gain a seat in this Congress.

Our departed colleague was born on May 16, 1918. He received his education in the public schools of Jackson County, N.C. From the age of 15 he was a paraplegic confined to a wheelchair; yet this did not deter him from becoming a special student at the University of North Carolina. He received his law degree from the University of North Carolina in 1948, and from that time to the day of his death he was actively identified with the public life of North Carolina.

In spite of his physical handicap he served with distinction in the North Carolina State Senate in 1955, and from 1955 to 1959 he was an active member of the North Carolina Board of Water Commissioners.

When the Honorable George A. Shuford declined to run for Congress after the North Carolina Democratic primary election of 1958, DAVE HALL was selected as the nominee of his party and was elected to the House of Representatives on November 4, 1958.

From the very first day he arrived in Washington until the time of his death he displayed exemplary devotion to duty and an active interest in advancing the welfare of his district, State, and Nation. Though confined to a wheelchair, he carried on his demanding duties in a manner that gained the admiration of all of us who knew and worked with him.

Mr. Speaker, DAVE HALL was a close personal friend of mine. For many years we were associated together in public life of North Carolina. His undaunted spirit and devotion to the best interests of the people he was always willing to serve was a constant inspiration to me and to his many friends.

DAVE HALL came from a remarkable family long identified with the public life of North Carolina. His uncle, the Honorable Dan K. Moore, served with distinction for many years on the North Carolina Superior Court bench.

His mother for years has been keenly interested in educational work and in providing opportunities for the youth of North Carolina. She still devotes her time and energies to helping young men and women prepare themselves for the future. Without a doubt DAVE HALL received from his mother much of his indomitable spirit and sense of devotion to public duty. In 1959 his mother was selected as North Carolina's "Mother of the Year."

Mr. Speaker, we have lost an able colleague and a dedicated public servant. But all of us who knew, admired, and loved DAVE HALL can take renewed strength from the example of courage, devotion to duty, and unselfish spirit to public service that he has left behind.

To his widow and three small daughters, to his mother and the other members of his family, and to the countless hundreds of people who were privileged to call him friend, I

extend my deepest sympathy on this sad occasion. May they find consolation in knowing that DAVE HALL lived a good and useful life in the service of his fellow man.

Though sadness reigns in the hearts of friends when they must take leave in this life from a friend, yet death does not ring down the final curtain. In the words of the poet:

> There is no death! what seems so is transition;
> This life of mortal breath
> Is but a suburb of the life elysian,
> Whose portal we call death.

Remarks by Representative Kitchin

Of North Carolina

Mr. KITCHIN. Mr. Speaker, the passing of DAVID M. HALL has saddened the hearts of all who were so fortunate as to know him and become associated with him. His courage and determination should be a challenge to all men, young and old. His entire life was filled with adversity but this never deterred his indomitable spirit and his persistent ambition to achieve goals that are seldom in reach of capable men in good health.

My acquaintance with him was brief and not so close as I would have wished, but contacts with him left no doubt in my mind as to his keen intellect and his unusual abilities, and a wisdom far beyond his years.

His dedicated service to his State and Nation will long be remembered and his colleagues and friends will miss him acutely.

Remarks by Representative Alexander

Of North Carolina

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I rise to pay sincere tribute to the memory of my good personal friend and colleague, DAVID M. HALL.

DAVE HALL was a man of unusual character—and one of the most courageous men I have ever known. He was a paraplegic from boyhood, but he worked his way through school and received a law degree from the University of North Carolina. He practiced law and was active in his hometown of Sylva, N.C., in all community affairs. He was elected to the North Carolina State Senate in 1955 where he did an outstanding job.

In spite of the fact that DAVE was confined to a wheelchair he was driven by an indomitable spirit to higher and higher goals and was elected, in 1958, by the good people of North Carolina's 12th District to represent them in the Congress of the United States.

Throughout his life he suffered much and went through many hardships, but was always pleasant, a regular fellow, and never lost his composure. Although he underwent two major operations last spring and an operation in New York last fall for cancer, he was planning to run again for the nomination to return to Congress from his district and, until the time of his death, exemplified Karle Wilson Baker's poem, "Courage Is Fear That Has Said Its Prayers."

I understand that my good friend DAVE HALL had undergone more than 200 major operations during his life; that on more than one of these occasions he was given no chance to recover. Nevertheless, through his own strong will to live, his indomitable spirit and unwavering courage he always pulled through.

DAVE HALL won the admiration of his colleagues by his determined courage, the nobility of his vision, the resource-

fulness and enthusiasm of his service in the House of Representatives since his election to the 86th Congress. His passing will be a great loss to North Carolina and to the Nation.

He was strongly recommended by many people throughout western North Carolina to be chosen the young man of the year, on a national basis, for 1960, by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

May his wife and three fine daughters find comfort in the lasting honor and affection of his friends, of which Mr. Speaker, I am thankful and better for having been one.

Remarks by Representative Conte

Of Massachusetts

Mr. CONTE. Mr. Speaker, along with my colleagues of North Carolina, it is with a sense of irreplaceable loss and profound regret that I learned of the untimely death of our colleague and friend, the Honorable DAVID M. HALL. Certainly, the amazing display of courage by a man who for 30 years of his young life was confined to a wheelchair, is something which could not but fail to be a powerful source of inspiration to all who knew him. Despite a crippling malady he undertook with inspiring faith a career in life which would have taxed the strength of any man who enjoyed health as an initial advantage. Never did he display despair nor did he feel that life was futile despite the fact he suffered from a persistent cancer for which he had to undergo surgery 200 times. Until the moment he was completely incapacitated by this dread disease, he carried on the duties and discharged the responsibilities of his high office. He had the qualities of greatness exemplified by a persistent and unyielding faith in the future which led him to maintain that he would seek reelection.

While it is true that he shall no longer sit with this body, his example shall, certainly, be here with us always.

To his family, I offer my deepest sympathies and sincerest condolences in the moment of bereavement.

Remarks by Representative George P. Miller

Of California

Mr. MILLER. Mr. Speaker, it was my privilege to serve on the Committee on Science and Astronautics with DAVID M. HALL, getting to know him early in his membership in this body. It took an indomitable will for a man crippled as he was to reach Congress. I think the high respect and regard in which he was held in his home community was evidenced yesterday by the great number of people who turned out to pay their respects to him. I was one of those who was chosen to go to Sylva, N.C., to represent his colleagues in this body at the funeral. Knowing DAVE HALL and seeing the group that assembled there and talking to his friends and neighbors again confirmed the statement I have made of this fine man who commanded the respect of all who knew him. I want to extend my sympathy to his very lovely wife and to the three charming daughters that he leaves behind. I know that nothing that is said here can assuage their grief, but they should know that we in the House of Representatives do sympathize with them.

Remarks by Representative Brooks

Of Louisiana

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness and a deep sense of personal loss that I arise to eulogize our departed comrade.

DAVID HALL was a member of our Committee on Science and Astronautics. In the short time he was with us, we on the committee grew to love and respect him.

He had a gentle disposition and a courage which surmounted the physical ailments which wracked his body. He was very conscientious in his work. He tended each meeting of the committee that he could and, when he had to go to a hospital for treatment, as he did from time to time during his all too brief stay with us, he would apologize upon his return for his absence.

But it was his unquenchable courage above everything else that impressed those of us who served with him on the committee.

Something occurred shortly before his final illness which will give you some idea of the measure of this man who, though slight in stature and constantly wracked with pain, had an indomitable will which drove him on until the last, determined to do his best to represent his constituency and his country as long as he could.

The National Science Foundation sponsored a trip last year to Antarctica to observe the progress being made there in scientific research. As the committee which has jurisdiction over science, we were invited to send a representative.

DAVID HALL heard about it. He wanted to go. He desperately wanted to go. This was not what some would call a junket. It was a trip to a cold and fearsome continent, but this man who could not even walk was ready to assay the perils of this forbidding region. It was with great reluc-

tance that he finally gave up the idea. It was not long after this that he went to New York for the operation which was soon to be followed by his death.

This, then, was the measure of the man whose passing we mourn. He was with us for all too brief a moment, but we who grew to know and love him will always treasure his memory.

Remarks by Representative Anfuso

Of New York

Mr. ANFUSO. Mr. Speaker, the death of my friend and colleague DAVID MCKEE HALL, the distinguished Representative from North Carolina, took something vital out of me just as it left empty a seat in this Congress which can never again be filled by a man of his great heart, mind, and energy. In the short period he served here, he demonstrated a talent and a sense of justice which made older men bow to his wisdom. This Congress and this country would have been greater in the esteem of the world had he longer lived.

I was honored to serve with him on the committee on science and astronautics. I was elated when he volunteered, in spite of his handicap which certainly did not deter his ambition and drive, to accompany me last fall to the London conference of the International Astronautical Federation. He was worried then that the Communists were infiltrating the international scientific associations, that they would eventually get control of them and use them for their own propaganda purposes.

Accordingly, he worked diligently with members of the American delegation and other free-world delegations for proper ground rules and effective regulations. His efforts were successful, as were all of the projects he undertook in committee. I am so proud of his record that I am going to request that the report on the London astronautical conference, which I am about to file be dedicated to our late colleague DAVID M. HALL.

Although Congressman HALL was confined to a wheelchair since the age of 15 and went through some 200 operations, he had great strength, character, and moral and physical stamina which enabled him to achieve great success. He studied at the University of North Carolina and received an

LL.B. degree from its law school in 1948. He was a successful attorney and farmer. He served as a member of the North Carolina State Senate, and was for several years a member of the State board of water commissioners. Then came the crowning moment of his successful though brief career, when he was elected to the 86th Congress and took his seat here just a year ago on January 3, 1959.

To achieve all this in the face of such handicap requires an indomitable spirit and character. All of us who were privileged to know him and to work with him readily recognized the great strength of his character. I know that he left an indelible mark on me, and I shall always cherish my association with him.

He married the most wonderful and understanding woman in the world, who was a great source of comfort and inspiration to him. Sarah Hall is the mother of his three lovely daughters: Ann, age 11; Allison, age 9; and Hannah, age 5. I know that his great deeds, his wonderful name, his dauntless character will forever serve as a consolation in their days of great bereavement.

Mr. Speaker, I can think of no more apt prayer on this occasion than the famous prayer of peace by St. Francis of Assisi:

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light. Where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Father, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive. It is pardoning that we are pardoned. It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Remarks by Representative Roush

Of Indiana

Mr. ROUSH. Mr. Speaker, for those of us here in this Congress who became acquainted with DAVID HALL I believe the feeling is that we regret we had not known him sooner. He was one of those persons who possessed certain high qualities which make a profound and lasting impression on our lives.

He suffered from a physical affliction which in itself would have been an insurmountable obstacle to most of us. But not to DAVE. This physical disability proved to be no obstacle to his tenacious spirit, nor to his keen and alert mind, nor did it dampen his fine and lively sense of humor.

I sat beside DAVE during our committee hearings and was thus permitted to have a greater share of contact with these fine qualities than most of my colleagues. I am grateful that I had that experience for my own life was enriched by it.

I know DAVID will be missed by his family. They should know that we share their sorrow. Our prayer is that God will sustain them and comfort them and that He will give our country more men like DAVID HALL.

Remarks by Representative Sisk

Of California

Mr. SISK. Mr. Speaker, DAVE HALL, was a member of the subcommittee of which I have the honor to be chairman. He was a very dedicated man. I was particularly impressed last spring with the fact that during some rather important hearings he specifically arranged for his treatment out at the hospital to come at a time in the morning which would permit him to rush back to the committee. Day after day he went to the hospital early, took his treatment, and rushed back at a great deal of pain and effort on his part to do the things which he believed he should be doing.

He was truly a dedicated servant of the people. Certainly his State and the Nation have lost a great man in the passing of DAVE HALL.

I extend to his wife and to his children my deepest sympathy. May his deeds sustain them in this time of trial.

Remarks by Representative Santangelo

Of New York

Mr. SANTANGELO. Mr. Speaker, I was saddened on Saturday when I learned the news that our colleague, DAVID M. HALL, had been called to his final and eternal reward. During the short period of time that DAVID HALL served in Congress, I had the opportunity of talking to him, of exchanging stories and getting to know him. He was a man of indomitable courage and understanding. Despite an affliction which confined him to a wheelchair since the age of 15, he lived a full life. From his wheelchair he ran his service station, sold automobiles, earned a law degree; he went to Raleigh, N.C., as a State senator, practiced law and ultimately won a seat in Congress.

Those who have suffered illnesses and long confinement can appreciate the courage and indomitable will which he possessed. He submitted to over 200 major operations during a lifetime of 42 years. He never flinched nor did he waiver. He was cheerful and was looking forward to coming back to the 87th Congress as a Congressman. I, for one, was the beneficiary of his humanity and understanding. Last year, when I suddenly was compelled to rush to Bethesda Hospital and was being transported through the corridors for X-rays, DAVID HALL was there for treatment and met me and asked me about my problem. When he recognized that I had hurriedly come to the hospital, he wheeled himself along the corridors in his wheelchair and purchased for me at his own cost toothpaste, a toothbrush and a comb and brush to make my confinement a little more comfortable. He was a man who, despite his own troubles, took time out to give comfort to another person in distress. His humanity matched his courage and I shall miss him.

I extend my heartfelt condolences to his widow and his three children, who have lost a loving mate and an inspirational father.

Remarks by Representative Rayburn

Of Texas

Mr. RAYBURN. Mr. Speaker, we all join with the family and friends of DAVID M. HALL. We all admired him for his fortitude in his long suffering, which he bore with great bravery. He was a good and fine man.

Remarks by Representative Dent

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, death, as always, leaves us a little saddened and especially so when it takes from our midst a loved and cherished colleague.

The passing of our friend and fellow public servant, DAVID M. HALL, reminds us vividly of his unselfish self-sacrificing years of service to his district and the people of these United States.

Although his freedom of movement was impeded by affliction for many years, he was never known to be other than a smiling, earnest, and sincere worker, in every field of endeavor.

His kindness and consideration for others was as much a part of him as his very life itself.

I extend my heartfelt condolences to his bereaved wife and three minor children. His life will, I am sure, be the healing balm that will inspire them to continue on in the path he cut so clear, honest, efficient, and true.

A real American has left our midst. In his memory we will be Americans—all of us.

Remarks by Representative Libonati

Of Illinois

Mr. LIBONATI. Mr. Speaker, we lost a young man of great courage in the passing of Representative DAVID M. HALL. His diligence, integrity, and sincerity will always be a living example to all the Members of the Congress. He was devoted to his State, country and family.

A bone infection menaced him through life but, as a true Roman gladiator, he never faltered in his honest quest to serve the Republic. Like the brave man he was, Mr. HALL never flinched before the physical dangers that beset him—hundreds of surgical operations did not quench the flame of a promising political career.

He struggled throughout his life to accomplish the impossible—from a wheelchair at an early age, he managed a gas station, sold autos, was graduated from law school, and served as State senator, reaching the heights of his ambition as a Member of Congress, January 1959.

The House has lost one of its keen intellects. He was a quiet and gentle individual who, in spite of his physical trials, was kind and considerate of the feelings and interests of others. He was conscientious and devoted to his work, both in committee hearings and House sessions. He had great faith in God and man.

To his bereaved and loving wife, Sarah, and his devoted children, Sarah Anne, 10; Edith Allison, 9; and Hannah McKee, 4, I extend my heartfelt condolences and pray that our Heavenly Father give them strength to bear this great sadness, and bless his Christian soul. He gave unselfishlessly and courageously of himself to others to the very end.

Remarks by Representative Flynt

Of Georgia

Mr. FLYNT. Mr. Speaker, it was with deep sorrow and sadness that I learned of the untimely passing last Friday of our friend and colleague, Hon. DAVID M. HALL, late a Representative from the 12th District of North Carolina.

Mr. HALL came to the House of Representatives as the youngest Member of the delegation from the State of North Carolina. By his ability, his sincerity, and his devotion to duty he endeared himself not only to his friends and constituents at home, but to his colleagues and associates in the House of Representatives. It was my pleasure to become acquainted with him immediately upon his election to this body, and I was privileged to know him better as time passed by.

It was an inspiration to serve with him in this body. He will be greatly missed by all of us who knew and served with him. Mrs. Flynt joins me in extending our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Hall and their three daughters.

Remarks by Representative Oliver
Of Maine

Mr. OLIVER. Mr. Speaker, DAVE HALL, our able and distinguished colleague, was a neighbor of mine. Our offices are located directly across the corridor from each other.

It is, therefore, with firsthand knowledge that I can pay this sincere tribute to one of the most courageous, conscientious and capable Members of this body with whom it has been my privilege to serve.

It is my judgment that, if DAVE had been spared by our Divine Providence, indeed in a relatively few years he would have become one of the leaders of this body.

His capacity for work without stint or thought of his own physical well-being, his courage to rise above the physical frailties which must have strained his stamina far beyond the limits imaginable for those of us who, by the grace of God, are not physically handicapped; his gentleness of disposition, always displayed even under the most trying conditions; his determination and fortitude to take a position and stay with it, regardless of pressure; and, his willingness to help any and all who solicited his cooperation, express rather inadequately the many wholesome facets of his personality and character which impressed themselves upon me as we would meet daily in the pursuit of our congressional duties.

His Nation, State, and district have lost a great public servant. We have all lost a friendly and capable colleague. I have lost a good neighbor.

To his family, I extend this expression of my sincerest condolences. Mrs. Hall and Sarah, Edith, and Hannah, you have my deepest sympathy. May God bless you in this hour of your great bereavement.

Remarks by Representative Hechler

Of West Virginia

Mr. HECHLER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join with my colleagues in paying tribute to a man with a great heart and indomitable courage, our departed friend, the Honorable DAVID M. HALL.

DAVE'S entire life revealed his courage at every turn. He struggled to gain a good education, to secure a law degree, to advance in politics, and finally to make a record as an outstanding freshman Member of this body.

He was easy to get to know. I recall our first meeting when we, as freshmen do, reviewed with each other our experiences during the 1958 campaign. I marveled at some of the campaign exploits of this fine man, who worked so hard in getting out to meet the people despite the fact he was confined to a wheelchair.

Then as a colleague on the House Committee on Science and Astronautics, DAVE HALL showed his true mettle by the avid manner in which he plunged into new and deep subject matter, his penetrating questioning of witnesses, and his dedication to his country in his desire to see our Nation develop a powerful missile and space program.

Finally, there was another richly human quality about DAVE HALL, that none of us, his friends, will ever forget. No matter how trying must have been the physical difficulties which he suffered, I have never met or seen DAVE without experiencing the glow of enthusiasm which emanated from him. He had a hearty laugh and a wonderful sense of humor. He gave a lift to everyone he saw. He made us all feel bigger than we are.

Along with my colleagues, I will miss DAVID HALL. His passing is a great loss to the House of Representatives, to the State of North Carolina, and to the Nation.

Remarks by Representative Riehlman

Of New York

Mr. RIEHLMAN. Mr. Speaker, all of us are saddened at the loss of DAVID HALL. Our hearts go out to his wife and daughters in their hour of grief.

Although I did not enjoy the privilege of a close friendship with DAVE HALL, I am compelled to pay tribute to this man who swam against the tide the greater part of his life and conquered adversity at every turn in the road to get himself educated, established in the practice of law, and elected by his fellow citizens to represent them in this, the greatest legislative body on the earth.

My only opportunity to observe the work of DAVE HALL was during the course of our service together on the Science and Astronautics Committee. I was impressed at the outset by his keen interest, his thorough preparation for committee meetings and hearings, and his ability to firmly grasp the intricacies of a difficult problem. He was an able and a dedicated man.

DAVE HALL'S achievements should prove a valuable lesson to all of us who have at some time in our lives thought we had a problem too difficult to surmount. We have seen, in him, what a stout heart and a desire to conquer adversity could accomplish.

Remarks by Representative Gross

Of Iowa

Mr. GROSS. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep regret that I learned of the death of our colleague, the Honorable DAVID HALL, of North Carolina.

During the 1 year that he was permitted to serve in the House of Representatives he spent a great deal of time on the floor, for he quickly became aware that only by such attendance could he keep abreast of legislation and learn the procedures by which the House conducts its business. It was during the long days of the last session that I came to know him and the courage and perseverance that enabled him to overcome the enormous handicaps that beset his life.

Had he lived I know that DAVID HALL would have been an outstanding Member of Congress, a splendid Representative of the 12th Congressional District of North Carolina.

I extend my sympathy to his widow and the three daughters who survive him.

Remarks by Representative Durham

Of North Carolina

Mr. DURHAM. Mr. Speaker, I knew DAVE HALL from the days when he was a student at the University of North Carolina, which is located in my home town of Chapel Hill. Everybody who knew DAVE in his student days admired him for his courage in the face of crushing physical disabilities and for his keen and inquiring mind. After receiving his law degree in 1948, DAVE returned to his home community and engaged in the practice of law and also in farming operations, two strenuous pursuits which would tax the strength of a person in robust health.

DAVID HALL's tenure of office here was relatively brief, but already he had made his mark and earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues in this body and in the committee where he so ably served. He was a member of the Committee on Science and Astronautics, an appropriate assignment, it seems to me, for a young man who felt a keen interest in the opening up of a new world. He was devoted and dedicated to his committee work and to it he brought a fine and understanding intellect.

We know that since boyhood DAVE had suffered from a bone infection which necessitated his undergoing more than 200 operations. Through these ordeals he emerged with his fighting spirit still intact, exemplifying the theme of the old ballad of Sir Andrew Barton, which runs:

> I'll but lie down and bleed a while,
> And then I'll rise and fight again.

DAVE always rose and fought again, and even after this last surgical ordeal he was confident that he could continue his career and return to these Halls. Since courage was the foundation stone of DAVE's life and career, the following quotation from Seneca seems to provide a fitting epitaph to our

colleague, who never gave in to the vicissitudes of life but rose above them in a fashion that should be a lesson and inspiration to us all:

Now has my valor borne me to the stars, and to the gods themselves.

To DAVE's family—his wife and children, his mother, and his brother and sisters—I extend my deepest sympathy in their great bereavement and express the hope that the fine monument of DAVE's life and works will comfort and sustain them in their hour of loss.

Remarks by Representative Moeller

Of Ohio

Mr. MOELLER. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in the House in paying tribute to the memory of the late Honorable DAVID MCKEE HALL whose recent untimely death deprived this House and our country of the services of a devoted and outstanding public servant. I felt a particularly close relationship to DAVID HALL because he and I came to Congress together as new Members at the beginning of the first session of the 86th Congress and were assigned together to the new Committee on Science and Astronautics. From that common bond I came to know him as a man of unusual attainments and great courage. In the work of our Committee he proved himself to be a keen student, and industrious and able worker, and the possessor of a sound analytic judgment which enabled him to cut to the heart of a matter and to emerge with a reasoned decision on any of the complex problems with which we were presented.

The fortitude he had shown throughout his life from the time he was stricken with the crippling ailment which eventually resulted in his passing from us showed clearly in his all too short career as a Member of this House. He was a man of indomitable courage and strong conviction. It took such a man to surmount his great physical handicap and to become the educated statesman and wonderful husband and father that he was. Those traits were the hallmark of his short tenure as the Representative of the 12th Congressional District of North Carolina. I had occasion to observe many times that even though DAVID HALL might stand alone in his convictions on a particular issue that fact did not deter him. Once having reached such a conviction on the basis of his moral and intellectual judgments, he was able to withstand the pressures exerted by other forces and to stand firm for what he believed to be the right. Although

his voice might be the only one raised to voice a "nay" on some issue before us, that "nay" was clearly heard and carried with it the assurance that he had not been distracted from his duty as he saw it.

Withal, DAVE HALL was a warmly human and a lovable man. His keen sense of humor and his engaging personality endeared him to all of us who had the good fortune to work with him and to know him as a friend. His leavening presence on our committee will be sorely missed. His unique courage will not soon be equaled in our midst. His indomitable spirit will never find a replacement among us.

Mr. Speaker, I know that even more than we mourn DAVID HALL'S passing here, his lovely wife and daughters and his many friends at home in North Carolina will share the sweet sorrow of his memory. Mrs. Moeller and I extend our hearts and our prayers to them in the sure knowledge that the overpowering love of the Almighty Father of us all will bring them the solace they need and the courage to carry on in the unwavering pattern that he set for them.

Remarks by Representative Herlong

Of Florida

Mr. HERLONG. Mr. Speaker, I came to know DAVID HALL early in the 86th Congress through relatives of his in my own congressional district who are personal friends.

I admired him for his philosophy of government, and for his great personal courage. Had his career in the House of Representatives not been cut short, I am sure it would have been a brilliant one.

The world is, I believe, better for DAVID HALL's example. His State and congressional district are better because of his having lived there. I am sure that I am better because of having known him.

Proceedings
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Proceedings in the Senate

MONDAY, *February 1, 1960.*

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Bartlett, one of its reading clerks, communicated to the Senate the intelligence of the death of Hon. DAVID M. HALL, late a Representative from the State of North Carolina, and transmitted the resolutions of the House thereon.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following resolution (H. Res. 434), from the House of Representatives, which was read, as follows:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S.,
February 1, 1960.

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable DAVID M. HALL, a Representative from the State of North Carolina.

Resolved, That a committee of 12 Members of the House with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. ERVIN. Mr. President, I have never known a more gallant spirit than DAVID HALL, late a Member of the House from North Carolina. I send to the desk a resolution which I ask to have read, and for which I ask present consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be read.

The resolution (S. Res. 264) was read, considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. DAVID M. HALL, late a Representative from the State of North Carolina.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Vice President to join the committee on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate those resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Senate, at the conclusion of its business today, take a recess until 10:30 a.m. tomorrow.

Under the second resolving clause, the Presiding Officer (Mr. Bartlett in the chair) appointed Mr. Ervin and Mr. Jordan members of the committee on the part of the Senate.

Mr. DIRKSEN. Mr. President, pursuant to the resolution previously agreed to, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late DAVID M. HALL, a Representative from the State of North Carolina, I move that the Senate stand in recess until 10:30 a.m. tomorrow.

The motion was agreed to; and (at 5 o'clock and 27 minutes p.m.,) the Senate, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Representative DAVID M. HALL, of North Carolina, took a recess until tomorrow, Tuesday, February 2, 1960, at 10:30 o'clock a.m.

Remarks by Senator Ervin

Of North Carolina

Mr. ERVIN. Mr. President, DAVID MCKEE HALL, the late Representative from the 12th North Carolina District, was born on May 16, 1918, in Sylva, the county seat of Jackson County, which is situated among North Carolina's beautiful "mountains with hills at their knees."

He was descended on both sides from God-fearing and hardy folks who fought for independence in the American Revolution, planted the first settlements in the scenic section of North Carolina west of Asheville, and made contributions of much consequence to the business, the educational, the professional, the political, and the religious life of the State.

DAVID HALL was the namesake of his father, who followed agricultural and mercantile pursuits in Jackson County, and died at a comparatively early age.

The immediate family of his mother, who was born Edith Enloe Moore, has been especially noted for its legal ability, three of its members, namely, her father, Judge Frederick Moore, her uncle, Judge Walter E. Moore, and her brother, Judge Dan K. Moore, having served the State with great distinction as superior court judges. Mrs. Edith Moore Hall is now assistant dean of women at Western Carolina College in Cullowhee.

DAVID HALL attended the public schools of Jackson County and Sylva. While participating in an athletic contest at the age of 12, he suffered a leg injury, which produced osteomyelitis and marked the beginning of recurring sojourns in hospitals and repeated surgical operations. Three years later this bone infection culminated in paraplegia, which confined him to a wheel chair the remainder of his life.

This tragic misfortune would have daunted a less heroic soul. But it served to refine and enrich the character of DAVID HALL, who was steeled by it to meet in surpassing and

unforgettable fashion the greatest test of courage on the earth, which is the capacity to bear disaster without cursing fate and losing heart.

Despite his crippling physical disability, DAVID HALL asked of life no quarter. He had compensating gifts, some inherited and some acquired. He used them to the full. His handsome countenance, alert mind, gracious and sympathetic personality, and courageous and persevering spirit enabled him to emulate Tennyson's poetic character Ulysses and "drink life to the lees."

His recurring confinement to hospitals made his attendance at high school rather intermittent, and prevented his graduation. But it did not deter him from obtaining a thorough education in many fields. This is true because he read and remembered everything which came to hand.

Since he was unable to qualify for admission as a high school graduate, DAVID HALL was enrolled as a special student when he entered the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. While a student there, he took various subjects in the arts and sciences, and completed the regular course in the school of law.

His popularity among his instructors and college mates equaled that which he enjoyed in after years among the people. For this reason, he was called to many student offices. He served as magister of Vance Inn of Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity, secretary and treasurer of the university law association, dormitory president, interdormitory council president, member of the board of directors of Graham Memorial, member of the campus cabinet, and member of the advisory board of the dean of men. Moreover, he was granted the Phi Delta Phi award for outstanding achievement.

As a consequence of his excellence in legal scholarship, the faculty of the school of law took an unprecedented action in his behalf. It waived his lack of prescribed educational prerequisites, and permitted him to graduate at the commencement in June 1948 with the degree of bachelor of laws.

Having passed the North Carolina bar examination the preceding year, DAVID HALL forthwith opened an office in Sylva and began the practice of law. His outstanding ability and tireless industry brought him a highly satisfactory clientele. The constantly increasing demands of his profession soon made it advisable for him to form a legal partnership with Lacy H. Thornburg as junior partner.

After his return to Sylva from Chapel Hill, DAVID HALL maintained his residence at the ancestral home of the Halls, which stands upon a farm abutting the Tuckasiegee River near Webster and affords picturesque views of the surrounding countryside.

Notwithstanding the exacting demands of his personal affairs, DAVID HALL participated in large measure in the activities of the various bar associations and the civic and religious undertakings of Sylva and Jackson County.

He was an Elk and a Rotarian, and held memberships in the American Bar Association, the North Carolina State Bar, and the Jackson County Bar Association.

He served as a member of the board and the chairman of the finance committee of the First Methodist Church of Sylva, president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, member of the Jackson County Committee on Employ the Physically Handicapped, member of the Jackson County Committee on Morehead Scholarships, president of Jackson County Industries, secretary-treasurer of the Jackson County Savings & Loan Association, director of the Jackson County United Fund, and regional fund chairman of the American Red Cross. He was also a member of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress.

Both inclination and personality made it inevitable that DAVID HALL should be deeply concerned with politics and public affairs. He described himself with accuracy as a Democrat "by heritage and choice," and a conservative by political philosophy. By the last term he signified his adherence to the old and tried against the new and untried.

He was exceedingly active in behalf of his party, serving at various times as president of the Jackson County Young

Democratic Club, senior party liaison officer and member of the executive committee of the North Carolina Young Democratic Clubs, vice chairman of the Jackson County Democratic Executive Committee, and member of the Democratic Committee for the 20th Judicial District.

DAVID HALL attained his first public office on November 2, 1954, when he was chosen by the people of Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Polk, and Transylvania Counties to represent the 32d senatorial district in the North Carolina General Assembly of 1955. As State senator, he distinguished himself for his devotion to duty and sound judgment. Before the expiration of his senatorial term, he was appointed a member of the North Carolina Board of Water Resources by Gov. Luther H. Hodges.

Subsequent to the May 1958 primary, George A. Shuford, the Democratic nominee in the 12th North Carolina Congressional District for the 86th Congress, was compelled by illness to relinquish the nomination. Upon that occurrence, the Democratic committee for the district conferred the nomination on DAVID HALL, who conducted a vigorous campaign throughout the 10 counties of the district and triumphed over his Republican opponent by a vote of 52,609 to 31,524. After qualifying as a member of the 86th Congress, he was assigned to the House Committee on Science and Astronautics and rendered services of great worth to his district, State, and country until his last illness overtook him.

DAVID HALL was singularly fortunate in his choice of a wife. While he was a patient in Duke Hospital at Durham, N.C., he met, wooed, and won his nurse, Sarah McCollum, of Bradenton, Fla., a girl of unusual charm, whose brave heart matched his own. Their marriage took place on July 14, 1944, and was blessed by three winsome daughters, Sarah Anne Hall, Edith Allison Hall, and Hannah McKee Hall.

DAVID HALL died at the C. J. Harris Community Hospital in Sylva, January 29, 1960. Two days later impressive funeral services in keeping with his simple faith were conducted for him by his pastor, the Reverend Asmond L. Max-

well, assisted by the Reverend Robert G. Tuttle, in the First Methodist Church of Sylva, and his body was laid to rest in a cemetery near Webster in the presence of a multitude of sorrowing friends and in sight of the beautiful "mountains with hills at their knees," which he loved with such intensity.

Despite his broken body, DAVID HALL created a great character and lived a great life. At an earlier point in my remarks, I recounted the remarkable gifts, inherited and acquired, which I believe made this miracle possible. No one can assert with absolute assurance, however, that even these gifts would have sufficed had not two good women, one his mother and the other his wife, stood beside him with comfort and encouragement during the many dark hours when his body, racked with pain, tested his courageous heart to the uttermost.

Be that as it may, those of us who were privileged to know DAVID HALL can say one thing with certainty. It is this: We have never known a more gallant soul. His courage was like that of the King's son in Edward Rowland Sill's inspiring poem "Opportunity":

This I beheld, or dreamed it in a dream;
There spread a cloud of dust along a plain;
And underneath the cloud, or in it, raged
A furious battle, and men yelled, and swords
Shocked upon swords and shields. A prince's banner
Wavered, then staggered backward, hemmed by foes.
A craven hung along the battle's edge,
And thought, "Had I a sword of keener steel—
That blue blade that the king's son bears—but this
Blunt thing!" he snapped and flung it from his hand,
And lowering crept away and left the field.
Then came the king's son, wounded, sore bestead,
And weaponless, and saw the broken sword,
Hilt-buried in the dry and trodden sand,
And ran and snatched it, and with battle-shout
Lifted afresh he hewed his enemy down,
And saved a great cause that heroic day.

Memorial Tributes
to
David McKee Hall

Memorial Tributes

WEDNESDAY, *February 17, 1960.*

Mr. BROOKS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, on this date the Committee on Science and Astronautics agreed to a resolution in memory of our departed colleague, DAVID MCKEE HALL, a Member of the House of Representatives from the 12th District of the State of North Carolina.

Under leave to extend my remarks, I submit the following resolution:

RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF A CHARTER MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND ASTRONAUTICS, THE HONORABLE DAVID MCKEE HALL, MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S. CONGRESS, FROM THE 12TH DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Whereas he was nominated to serve with the initial membership of the Committee on Science and Astronautics and was designated by his party as the ranking new member thereon; and

Whereas he fulfilled his mission on the committee with perception, diligence, force, understanding, and high integrity; and

Whereas he was able to convey, with dignity and simplicity, a unique wisdom to the affairs and proceedings of the committee; and

Whereas he represented the committee in important relations abroad with distinguished international figures of government and science; and

Whereas he accomplished the foregoing despite laboring under the most difficult and trying personal handicaps, yet did so with unfailing humor and humility: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Science and Astronautics hereby expresses deep gratitude and thankfulness for its association with DAVID M. HALL, and that the Committee on Science and Astronautics also expresses its profound sorrow and sense of irreplaceable loss at the passing of DAVID M. HALL in his beloved native State, January 29, 1960; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution, signed by the members of the committee, be presented to the immediate family of DAVID M. HALL; that a copy of this resolution be made a part of the permanent archives of the committee; and that this resolution further be placed in the Record of the Congress of the United States.

Remarks by Senator Ervin

Of North Carolina

Mr. ERVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed the following:

An outline of the remarks made by Representative DAVID M. HALL's pastor, the Reverend Asmond L. Maxwell, at the funeral service held for him in the First Methodist Church of Sylva, in Sylva, N.C., on the afternoon of Sunday, January 31, 1960.

A resolution concerning Representative DAVID M. HALL adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Buncombe County, N.C., on February 1, 1960.

A poem entitled "And Peace at Last," written by the Reverend Robert G. Tuttle.

A resolution adopted by the Western North Carolina Associated Communities.

Some 30 articles and editorials relating to Representative DAVID M. HALL gleaned from various newspapers and magazines.

OUTLINE OF REMARKS OF THE REVEREND MR. ASMOND L. MAXWELL AT CONGRESSMAN HALL'S FUNERAL SERVICE

The spirit of man is given by his Creator.

It is the unique quality in man. "God is a spirit" and "God created man in His own image."

It is a questing, a hungry, a restless spirit.

It is indomitable, invincible, unconquerable.

DAVID HALL was richly blessed here. He had a double portion.

His indomitable courage is known to all.

His strong will to live in a large world.

His drive, control, discipline of his natural abilities.

His desire to grow, to learn, to achieve.

His faith in himself, his boundless energy, his unceasing hope.

His sense of duty, of mission, though he knew he lived on "borrowed time."

His impatience with any obstacle in his way.

All of these things were a reflection of God's spirit within.

But the spirit of man needs a Master. William Henley's "Invictus"—this is an arrogant, pagan philosophy:

"Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.

"It matters not how strait the gate,
How charged with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate;
I am the captain of my soul."

For the spirit of man must be conquered. His will must be subjected. His pride must be bent. His spirit must acknowledge its Master.

And DAVID HALL knew this.

In all the battles he fought against insuperable odds—and won. There was one he could not afford to win. God, his Creator, must be acknowledged supreme.

One who was close to him, closer than I ever was, remarked that DAVID's spirit became gentle, strong, yet tamed to the hand of his Master.

DAVID loved life. He lived it fully, accepted it without resentment. He drank deeply at its springs. But I believe he had learned to live it in submission to the One who gave it, and at last, to surrender it back willingly. "The Lord hath given; the Lord hath taken away; Blessed be the name of the Lord" (Job).

Another who loved life was Robert Louis Stevenson. He wrote his own epitaph, "Requiem":

"Under the wide and starry sky
Dig the grave and let me lie,
Glad did I live and gladly die,
And I laid me down with a will.

"This be the verse you grave for me:
'Here he lies where he longed to be;
Home is the sailor, home from the sea,
And the hunter home from the hill.'"

PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troublous life until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes; and the busy world is hushed; and the fever of life is over, and our work is done.

Then, of Thy great mercy, grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MEMORIAL ADDRESSES

David M. Hall, a Man of Courage

Resolution of Board of Commissioners of Buncombe County, N.C., concerning Congressman Hall

Be it resolved, That the highest possible tribute be paid to David M. Hall, Congressman of the 12th Congressional District.

In spite of a physical handicap which confined him to a wheelchair, Mr. Hall lived a full, active, productive, and useful life, dedicating himself to governmental service, to the State as a member of the State senate, to his home county as attorney for Jackson County, and to his country as Congressman of the 12th Congressional District.

His determination to carry on this record of public service in spite of serious illness is an inspiration to all people in public life.

Congressman Hall's undaunted courage, his concern for other people, his scholarly mind, faith and optimism earned for him the admiration and respect of the people of North Carolina; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be placed upon the minutes of this board, that a copy be furnished the press, and that a copy be sent to Mrs. Hall.

Approved as to form:

Roy A. Taylor,
County Attorney.

Coke Candler,
Chairman.

J. C. Vance,
Member.

Harry P. Mitchell,
Member.

And Peace at Last—David Hall

(By Robert G. Tuttle)

Washington, the affairs of state, the lure of space
Had claimed his mind and strength—
Disease and pain had plagued
But never crushed his will to be and do.

His spirit stood
When limbs could not—
His mind was firm,
His vision clear.

DAVID McKEE HALL

He served his people,
Then his nation and the world—
But body could not stand
The space his spirit set.

A hundred battles fought and won
Invisible toll had taken—
The last was waged
Beyond the strength of man.

Now home to rest—
His earthly form is laid in quiet
Amidst his mountains keeping watch
O'er home and family in the vale.

When heads were bowed
By plot of beauty on the hill—
Through silence a cow in reverence lowed
And distant dogs echoed the music of the hills.

But, 'spite of death, his life renewed—
His restless quest with God rejoined—
He paused and smiled, well pleased to see
His earthbound loved ones gathered near.

RESOLUTION—WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATED COMMUNITIES

Whereas members of Western North Carolina Associated Communities heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of the Honorable DAVID MCKEE HALL, of Sylva, N.C., on Friday, January 29, 1960; and

Whereas the late Honorable DAVID M. HALL was known as a man of indomitable courage, who, despite physical impairment necessitating confinement to a wheelchair since childhood, had distinguished himself as a successful practicing attorney and a useful citizen dedicated to the welfare of the people, especially interested in the physically handicapped, both the young and the aged; and

Whereas at the time of his departure from this life, he was serving as the duly elected Representative of the 12th Congressional District of North Carolina, and was rendering outstanding service as a Member of the 86th Congress of the United States; and, for many years prior thereto, he had contributed valuable service to the upbuilding of the community as well as to the development of human and natural resources within the mountain countries; and, by virtue of appointive and elective offices

held in regional organizations and State government, he had advocated and participated in progressive improvements which resulted in economic, educational, and other benefits to the people, the region of the State of North Carolina as a whole: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That members of Western North Carolina Associated Communities, in regular meeting assembled, on February 23, 1960, at Western Carolina College, Cullowhee, N.C., express sincere sympathy to the family of the late Honorable DAVID M. HALL; and, further express, in devoted tribute to his memory, deep appreciation of his courageous efforts and valuable service contributed throughout the years to the people of western North Carolina.

H. BUECK,
President, Franklin, N.C.
M. B. MORRILL,
Secretary, Cullowhee, N.C.

[From the Asheville Citizen, May 24, 1960]

MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD FOR LATE DAVID M. HALL

(By Dorothy Parris)

SYLVA.—In a courtroom crowded to overflowing with family, friends, and neighbors, a memorial service was held here Monday for the late U.S. Representative DAVID M. HALL, of Sylva.

At the service, marking the opening of the Jackson County Superior Court term, Marcellus Buchanan, a Sylva attorney, presented a framed photograph of the Congressman, given by members of the courthouse staff, which was hung in the courtroom.

In his tribute, Buchanan spoke of HALL'S career as county attorney, State senator, a member of the State water commission, and the first Member of Congress west of Balsam Mountain.

LAW LICENSE

"I would like to think," Buchanan said, "that the greatest source of pride to DAVE was the receipt of his law license, the right to pursue the career he loved so well and to which he was so dedicated.

"He was one of the great attorneys, learned in the law, fearless in his devotion to his client, fearsome as an adversary, firm in his conviction, yet the epitomy of fairness and trust.

"DAVE HALL carried these attributes into every endeavor of his life.

"As a Member of Congress," Buchanan continued, "the 12th Congressional District was secure in the realization that it would

be well and ably represented. To this task DAVE bent his mind and strength.

"DEVOTION

"His utter devotion to his district, and to the State and to the Nation proved too great for his physical endurance. If ever it could be said that a man sacrificed himself for his neighbors, it could be said in the case of our late friend and comrade, DAVE HALL."

Jennings A. Bryson, county commissioner of finance, accepted the portrait on behalf of the county with a tribute to Hall as "the most couragous man I have ever known."

Mrs. Hall, the Congressman's widow, said, "I can think of no more fitting place for this portrait to hang, than in this place he loved so well, among the people whom he loved."

Judge J. Will Pless, Jr., of Marion, presiding over the court term, also praised HALL's courage and ability. Other attorneys who spoke were District Solicitor Glenn W. Brown, of Waynesville, and Kent Coward, of Sylva. Coward read a tribute from his brother, Orville Coward, whose illness made it impossible for him to attend.

Lacy Thornburg, HALL's law partner, and Henry Fisher, an Asheville attorney and a longtime personal friend of HALL, also paid tribute to the Congressman. Mrs. Margaret Hensen, clerk of superior court, presided at the ceremony, and the invocation and benediction were given by the Reverend A. L. Maxwell.

Among the members of HALL's family who attended, in addition to his widow, were his mother, Mrs. David M. Hall, Sr.; daughters, Anne, Allison, and Hannah; his brother, Robert C. Hall, of Asheville; and his sister, Mrs. C. N. Dowdle, of Asheville.

[From the Asheville (N.C.) Times, Aug. 2, 1958]

SYLVA LAWYER ABLE LEADER FOR WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATIC FORCES—DAVID M. HALL FINE CHOICE AS CONGRESSIONAL NOMINEE

The choice of DAVID M. HALL, of Sylva, as the 12th District's Democratic nominee for Congress, is a most admirable one. In making this emergency decision Thursday the district's Democratic congressional executive committee acted with political wisdom and a keen sense of responsibility to all western North Carolina in selecting such an excellent and popular replacement for Representative George A. Shuford.

For serious health reasons Mr. Shuford, now serving his third term, had to withdraw as his party's candidate after winning the

nomination in the May primary. His record in Congress has been marked by dedicated and highly effective service not only to his district but to his State and Nation as well.

The true story to date of Mr. HALL, age 40, would fascinate and inspire anybody anywhere who loves to learn about physically handicapped persons who overcome all maner of tragic difficulties and push ahead to great achievements.

Mr. HALL is an outstanding Jackson County lawyer, civic, church, and political leader, a successful cattle raiser and enjoys a happy family life at his farm home. He is a former State senator and since 1955 has been a member of the State board of water commissioners. He accepted the congressional nomination from a wheelchair in which he has moved about skillfully much of the time since he was stricken with a rare bone disease as a boy of 12.

If Mr. HALL is elected to Congress in November, as he is virtually certain to be in this overwhelmingly Democratic district, he will be remarkable for other significant things too. He will be the first North Carolina Congressman to come from west of the Balsams since before the War Between the States and the first Congressman ever to come from Jackson County. Not in 50 years has this district's Congressman lived outside Buncombe or Henderson County.

Many thousands of citizens in the other eight counties of this district are mighty happy about this new situation. The Asheville Times is also delighted by it. We consider this a thoroughly wholesome and desirable development—good for western North Carolina and the Democratic Party therein. Mr. HALL possesses all the qualifications, in his fine mountain background and place of residence as well as in his splendid character and abilities, to represent western North Carolina in Congress.

If there are any political jealousies among the Democratic political leaders in the 10 counties of this district harmful to regional solidarity, in promoting the best interests of all western North Carolina, then we know of no better man than DAVID M. HALL, of Jackson County, to break the spell and launch a new era of enlightened teamwork.

The job of a Congressman is to represent his district—every part of it—in the National Legislature with courage, intelligence, and devotion. He must know his district intimately, its needs and aspirations. He must be well grounded in State and National Government. He must understand politics and be a good politician himself. He must be a sound party man—in this case a Democrat—because to get good results in Washington a Congressman must function efficiently as a member of his party's legislative team.

The Times is convinced Mr. HALL has all these qualifications and is otherwise exceptionally well equipped to win in November and then represent the 12th District ably and faithfully in Congress. We cordially congratulate Mr. HALL and the district's Democratic executive committee for making him the party's nominee.

[From the Asheville (N.C.) Citizen Aug. 2, 1958]

IT'S TIME FOR DEMOCRATS TO UNITE

The action of the Democratic executive committee in naming DAVID MCKEE HALL of Sylva as the party's nominee for Congress in the 12th District brought to a happy conclusion a period of political tension and turmoil.

It is hoped, with all earnestness, that the Democrats in the 10 counties of the district, from Cherokee to Buncombe, will now unite in support of the nominee as he faces Republican opposition in the general election in the fall.

The liveliness of the interest shown in the selection of a nominee to succeed the able and ailing Representative George A. Shuford, of Asheville, who withdrew, speaks well for the concern the people have in their representation in Congress. Other able men were considered for the nomination; each should feel honored.

Mr. HALL, an attorney and former State senator, fought his way to success over the handicap of a major body infirmity. At the age of 12 he suffered from osteomyelitis and 3 years later it resulted in paraplegia, making it necessary that he go about in a wheelchair.

His conquest of this disability demonstrated his patience and determination, his faith and courage. At the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he made an excellent scholastic record, he earned part of his way by reading to blind students and preparing law briefs.

After receiving his bachelor of law degree in 1948 and being admitted to the bar, he engaged in a rehabilitation work in New York, aiding H. A. Littledale in preparing the book, "Mastering Your Disability."

But the law had a great appeal and he returned to Sylva to practice, serving as attorney for Jackson County and for the towns of Sylva and Dillsboro.

His public service has had a wide range, including work with organizations devoted to the promotion of business, industry, and tourism and membership in the State senate in 1955. He resigned his senate seat later that year to become a member of the State board of water commissioners.

The personable Mr. HALL, whose attractive and appealing qualities have won for him many friends, is 40 years old. He makes his home with his family on a farm near Webster.

Not only does he know the needs and interests of his home county, but he is familiar with the desires and aspirations of the entire district. A political conservative in his thinking, he has pledged, if elected, to work in behalf of the entire district.

During the four decades of his life he has been steeped in a family tradition of public service, a heritage that has given impetus to his own desire to serve.

His family has been prominent for generations in business, the legal profession and in politics.

The son of David McKee Hall and Edith Enloe (Moore) Hall, he is a grandson of Judge Fred Moore, a grand-nephew of Judge Walter E. Moore, and a nephew of Judge Dan K. Moore, who but recently left the superior court bench to accept a post with the Champion Paper & Fiber Co. He is also a grand-nephew of the late E. L. McKee, of Sylva, whose wife, Mrs. Gertrude Dills McKee, served in the State senate.

In selecting a congressional nominee, the Democratic committee reached into a central county of the district and tapped a man who, by heritage, training, and character, is equipped to be an excellent representative of the Democracy of this rugged mountain country. He should be elected.

[From the Sylva (N.C.) Herald, Aug. 4, 1958]

DAVID HALL AND JACKSON COUNTY HONORED

Following his nomination to succeed George A. Shuford as Representative in Congress from the 12th North Carolina District, DAVID MCKEE HALL, 40, Sylva attorney, who won the vote of the 20-member congressional committee, said, "I accept the nomination with a great deal of humility. I pledge to expend every effort toward victory this fall for all the Democrats—in district, State, and Nation, and I will work untiringly for not part, but all, of the 12th District."

Knowing the game and fighting young Jackson native, who uses a wheelchair to propel himself about, we know he will do just that. And he is wasting no time in getting started to mend the fences in the Democratic ranks in the district as he starts out next week to make the rounds of visiting all of the counties in the district.

The citizens of Jackson County received the word of HALL'S nomination with great enthusiasm and are prould to be represented in Congress for the first time by a man of his experience and

ability. Having served his district as State senator, as member of the State water conservation committee, and in dozens of other fields of activity, politically and otherwise, has provided the young Democratic nominee with a wealth of knowledge that will fit him for the big job in Washington.

Mr. HALL, if elected this fall and there is little doubt but what he will win the election, will be assuming a position which will carry with it great opportunities and grave responsibiities. He will have an opportunity, as the first man to represent western North Carolina west of the Balsams, to prove to the district that a man west of the French Broad can do as much, if not more, for the entire district as many have in the past east of the French Broad. In serving in the U.S. Congress he will not only be serving the 10 counties of the 12th North Carolina District and North Carolina but the entire Nation as well.

The citizens of Jackson are quite sure that "BUD" HALL, as he is known by his friends, will serve his county, his State and his Nation with distinction, bringing honor to himself and to his native State and county. He will go to Washington with the best wishes of all the citizens of the district.

The congressional committee is to be recommended for having made a wise selection in the candidate to succeed George Shuford.

[From the Asheville (N.C.) Citizen, Aug. 4, 1958]

DAVE HALL: A FIGHTER WITH UNCONQUERABLE GRIT

(By John Parris)

WEBSTER.—To name a man to match my mountains is to name a fighter of unconquerable grit.

Such a man is DAVID MCKEE HALL, a native-born, briar-sharp, 40-year-old mountain lawyer, who confounded the experts last week by being selected to run for Democrat George A. Shuford's seat in the U.S. House of Representatives in November. He's been a fighter all his life.

At 15, a bone infection called osteomyelitis cut his spinal cord and paralyzed him from the waist down.

That put him on his back, but not out of circulation.

Even then, it was still touch and go.

The doctors said it would either kill him or leave him helpless for the rest of his days.

But they didn't know DAVE HALL.

He stubbornly refused to die or submit to a life of invalid despair.

He fought the disease—8 years in various hospitals and some 100 surgical operations—fought it when everybody else said he didn't have a chance.

In the darkest days of his illness he kept on encouraging his doctors, his mother, and father, his friends, who found it hard to hold out even a little bit of encouragement for him.

They watched him suffer and they suffered, too.

And there was one man, closer to him than all the rest, who said, tearfully: "It's too much to bear. I couldn't blame him if he took a gun and ended it."

And, yet, this man knew nothing ever would cause this boy to take the easy way out. And the man was proud. More proud than that, if he could live to see him on his way to Congress, which he couldn't.

But while the others despaired, DAVE HALL grinned through the pain and planned his future in a world where he expected to ask for no quarter.

In the hospital, and at home between operations, he read everything he could lay his hands on. He read dictionaries and encyclopedias, books on philosophy and economics, history, and geography, absorbed textbooks, newspapers, and news magazines.

He got through high school—he didn't graduate—and the University of North Carolina in a wheelchair, went on to law school, and at 26 married his nurse.

He entered the University of North Carolina as a special student. He aimed to be a doctor. He went into premedical school and the school officials and faculty members figured he wouldn't get through the first year.

But like a heap of others, they didn't know DAVE HALL.

It wasn't that they didn't think he had the brains. They just didn't believe he would live long enough.

DAVE set 'em back on their collective heels.

Strangely enough, he was a self-help student. He earned part of his educational expenses by reading to blind students, later, when he shifted from premed to law, by preparing law briefs.

His family background included a line of famous lawyers and jurists on his mother's side, and after a year of premed, although he was tops in his class, he shifted to law school.

As a matter of fact, he didn't have the academic requirements to permit him to enter the university's school of law. But again, the officials didn't expect him to finish the course and reckoned there was no reason to worry about what they would do if he did.

When DAVE made the dean's list with an A average, they still didn't become concerned too much with the outcome, albeit they had to admit he was a very unusual young man. To be exact, quite a rare young man.

Through it all, DAVE HALL kept going back to the hospital now and then, seeking to lick the malady that had struck him down once and for all.

In 1946, he heard about Manhattan's Institute for the Crippled and Disabled in New York.

He showed up in New York in July and announced firmly that he meant to walk by summer's end. Said the institute's medical director, George Deaver, "Certainly."

DAVE could not dress himself or put on braces without help.

But after 6 weeks of pushups and other exercises to strengthen arms, shoulders, and abdominal muscles, he was ready to begin crutch work.

The goal at the institute is to become almost completely independent, to be able to go anywhere under your own power if you are paralyzed from the waist down, as DAVE HALL was.

Par scores at the institute were:

Fifteen minutes to dress, 7½ to put on braces, 1 to get out of bed or rise from a chair, 30 seconds to open and close a door.

To graduate, institute patients had to be able to go up and down three steps in 1 minute, enter a bus in 10 seconds, cross a 48-foot street in 20 seconds (before the traffic light changed).

DAVE HALL bettered par on every course.

He became the institute's pride and joy.

It's tough enough going for a man with all his facilities to negotiate across town in New York from the east side to the west side, especially hustling, bustling, dog-eat-dog, 42d Street and Times Square.

I know. I've been there. Many times. And I'll take a cab.

DAVE HALL made it look easy.

He negotiated that mad, wild, crosstown couple of miles like he was going from the living room to the kitchen. Swapped buses five times, hopped over curbs, thumbed his nose at Times Square traffic and crossed the no-man's land untouched, unharmed and without causing a single cabdriver to slam on his brakes or dent a fender.

He was so good, the institute got him to put on a show when the Congress of Physical Medicine came to New York early in September 1946, for its convention.

He hopped briskly onto a platform 18 inches high, dropped to the floor, and, by strategic use of his crutches, got up again in less than 30 seconds.

My wife was there. She witnessed the amazing demonstration.

DAVE told the doctors that anybody with good arms and shoulders could learn to walk.

They didn't argue with him. They had seen, and they knew it was a fact.

DAVE taught the folks at the institute things they didn't know were possible with crutches.

As a matter of fact, he opened up a whole, wonderful new life for folks doomed to a wheelchair.

Dr. Deaver offered him the Sun and Moon and stars to stay in New York. He was offered a post at New York University along with a place at the institute and an affiliation with an insurance company which would have assured him an income of a hundred thousand dollars a year.

It was hard to turn down. But DAVE HALL was first of all a mountain boy. He loved the mountains, the mountain people. That's where his rootholds were, and that's where he wanted to settle down.

Besides, he had a couple more years in law school.

So he turned down the gold of New York, headed back for Chapel Hill to become the first special student to graduate from the University of North Carolina Law School and the first special student to receive an LL.B. degree.

To get his degree, he had to make up a lot of academic courses he had bypassed.

The hourly load to stay in school at the university is 12 and the maximum permitted is 18. DAVE took twice the normal load. The professors had got wise to him and knew he could. So they let him take what he wanted, and he took 33 hours a quarter, studying high finance, advanced economics, banking, instead of knocking off the minor, crip courses which would have qualified him for his degree.

And then he headed for home to hang out his shingle.

Behind him was a record they wouldn't soon forget down at Chapel Hill. A record by a young fellow in a wheelchair with unconquerable grit.

The year he graduated from law school he was selected as one of the 12 outstanding law students in America.

While he was there he was a member of Vance Inn of the national honorary legal fraternity of Phi Delta Phi, serving as president, secretary and treasurer, as well as being elected exchequer. He was also treasurer and secretary pro tempore of the University Law Association.

Add to these honors a host of others that shout: "Don't ever underestimate a man in a wheelchair."

He was dormitory president, interdormitory council president, a member of the board of directors of Graham Memorial, a member of the campus cabinet, on the advisory board of the dean of men, vice chairman and then president of the dormitory council of presidents.

For 1946–47 he was named Phi Delta Phi Law Student of the Year.

By the time he headed for the mountains and Sylva to hang out his shingle he had licked the malady that had struck him down in his 'teens but couldn't keep him down.

Ahead lay his future. He knew what he wanted. And he knew he would get it. He was a man now. A man of unconquerable grit.

[From the Asheville (N.C.) Citizen, Aug. 5, 1958]

DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE MAN IN THE WHEELCHAIR

(By John Parris)

WEBSTER.—Don't let the wheelchair fool you, and don't underestimate the man in it.

You'll get your ears pinned back, if you do.

For DAVID McKEE HALL, albeit paralyzed from the waist down, is almost completely independent, able to go just about anywhere under his own power.

His capacity for work and for doing things is incredible. His stamina like his courage, is a wonder to behold.

He hunts, he fishes, and he swims.

He drives a car—averages some 30,000 miles a year—and mows his own lawn, which is the size of a country acre, if it's a foot.

He never has considered himself as an invalid, which he really isn't, and though he can't walk as other men walk, he doesn't consider that a handicap either.

"Never," he says, "never have I thought of myself as being other than normal. Physically, that is.

"As far as material things are concerned, I have as much or more than most people.

"The fact that I was confined to a wheelchair at 15 apparently didn't affect my ability to earn or to participate in civic, church and political affairs."

His philosophy might be summed up in something my grandfather, another mountain man, once said:

"It's up to you to whittle what you can with what you've got."

And DAVE HALL'S got a lot.

His mind is sharp as a meat ax.

He doesn't scare worth a darn.

He's tough when he has to be tough. But he's soft, too, and sentimental.

There's a bit of Lincoln about him. Something of Will Rogers.

He is quite as stubborn as Lincoln in supporting the people he trusts through thick and thin.

But don't cross him, brother, don't cross him.

He is deeply ambitious, the skilled man, utterly sure of his own skill and taking no nonsense about it from the unskilled.

He has taken great burdens and he has borne them well.

Folks will tell you he is a good father, a loving husband, and a considerate friend.

He does not seek intimates, yet draws men to him.

He knows his own value without pomp or jealousy.

He listens and talks with every sort of man.

He is a man who can reason, but he is a fighter.

His brain is as big as his heart and his heart is as big as DAVE HALL.

He is a big man—broad shoulders, big hands, strong arms, a deep, infectious laugh, and a smile as big as all getout.

"Life," he says, "it is good. I've always had a good time."

His pet hobbies are fishing, boating, and swimming.

He likes to fish best of all. And he doesn't sit on the dock to do his fishing, either. He's a trout fisherman and he fishes the mountain streams.

He learned to swim, and well, before osteomyelitis cut his spinal cord and paralyzed him from the waist down at 15.

"For long-distance swimming," he explains, "I swim on my back. Can't kick but use a modified crawl without the kick when I swim on my stomach."

Last fall he went on a bear hunt to Mount Mitchell.

"I didn't get a shot," he said, "but we brought back a bear."

He isn't one for sitting back and letting somebody else do the work. Not even on a hunting or fishing trip. He's right handy with a skillet and likes to cook for the whole party, whether it's two or a dozen.

He lives here on the old home place which his great-grandfather gave to his grandfather Coleman Hall nearly a hundred years ago.

It passed out of the HALL family back in the early forties. But DAVE bought it in 1950 and restored it to its onetime elegance.

Here, among other things, he raises cattle. Horned Herefords. And his pride and joy is a prize bull from the Milky Way Farms named Larry Domino, who's worth a fortune.

DAVE was born May 16, 1918. He attended Sylva High School from 1931 to 1933 and intermittently through the spring of 1938 without graduating.

It was February 1931 that he got sick, contracting osteomyelitis at the age of 12. And this resulted in paraplegia at the age of 15. He spent 8 years in various hospitals and had approximately 200 surgical operations before he licked the disease, albeit he was doomed to a future in a wheelchair.

He got a certificate of law from the University of North Carolina Law School in 1947, and a LL.B. degree in 1948.

And then he returned to his home in Sylva to practice law and become a dynamo in a wheelchair.

He didn't sit in his office and let people come to him. He didn't let somebody else handle his cases when they came to trial.

From the beginning DAVE HALL was as busy as a bee. Folks from all over sought him out, brought him more work than he could handle, albeit he burned the midnight oil, which he still does, and forced him to expand his firm until it now is the largest in the county.

No man in his hometown or county has taken a more active part in civic, church, and political affairs.

He has been attorney for the town of Dillsboro since 1948, for the county of Jackson since 1952, and has been regional fund chairman of the American Red Cross of the counties west of Buncombe for the past 3 years.

He was attorney for the town of Sylva for 1948 and 1949; president of the Jackson County Young Democratic Club from 1952 to 1954, and vice chairman of the Jackson County Democratic executive committee from 1948 until 1954.

He served in the senate of the 1955 North Carolina General Assembly, occupying seat No. 46.

In 1952 he was appointed to the 20th Judicial District Committee, and is now senior party liaison officer and member of the executive committee of the North Carolina Young Democratic Clubs.

Presently he is a member of the North Carolina Water Resources Commission.

He has served on the board of the Sylva Methodist Church, as well as being a trustee, and chairman of the church's finance committee.

He started the Jackson County Savings & Loan Association, of which he is secretary, and was instrumental in organizing Jackson County Industries, Inc., serving as its president from the beginning in 1953.

He has served on the board of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, is still a member of the chamber's industrial commission, and is a member of the Sylva Rotary Club.

His great-great-grandfather was Capt. William Moore, American Revolution, first white settler west of the French Broad in Hominy Valley near Asheville, and patriarch of the Moore clan in western North Carolina.

His uncle is Dan K. Moore, former judge of the superior court and now an executive of Champion Paper & Fiber Co. in Canton.

DAVE is married to the former Miss Sarah McCollum, of Bradenton, Fla., who was his nurse at Duke University Hospital. They

have three young daughters, Anne, who is 9, Allison, who is 8, and Hannah McKee, who is 3.

His father was the late David M. Hall, a prominent merchant and landowner. His mother is Edith Moore Hall, assistant dean of women at Western Carolina College.

He has two sisters, Mrs. Joe Dowdle, of Franklin, and Miss Lela Moore Hall, superintendent of public welfare for Harnett County. His brother, Robert, is an executive with the Bank of Asheville.

[From the Asheville (N.C.) Citizen, Nov. 5, 1958]

SWIRL OF ACTIVITY AHEAD FOR HALL

Representative-elect DAVID M. HALL steps into a swirl of activity following his victory Tuesday over Republican W. Harold Sams.

In the next few weeks, he will name an administrative assistant and begin selecting a staff to man his Washington and district offices.

His choice for No. 1 assistant will be a key to the selection of other staff members. He may choose his top aid from a list of names he carries—names submitted by political leaders from throughout the district. HALL's had such a list for some time.

Or, HALL may look beyond designated favorites. He says he will "want to look over the field carefully." Holding that he owes no commitments to anyone, he says he would like to see some more names: "I haven't got all the names I'd like to see."

HALL has made one exception to his no commitments boast: he has promised some people in a small county west of Jackson that he would, if elected, give a staff job of some sort to someone from that county. The post wouldn't necessarily be in Washington.

Clay, Graham, Cherokee, and Swain Counties lie to the west of HALL's native Jackson. He received powerful backing at the grassroots level from all four in his successful bid for the Democratic nomination. So, after his checkup, HALL hopes to spend the rest of next week in the Florida sun.

He'll return to his Sylva law office the following week—about November 17—and get down to the business of collecting a staff and packing up for the big trip to Washington where he'll take his seat in Congress 4 months shy of 41 years of age.

Beyond his 2-year term, if there's a question mark over the 1960 Democratic choice, it doesn't appear to be worrying DAVE HALL.

DAVID McKEE HALL

[From the Asheville (N.C.) Citizen, Nov. 5, 1958]

DAVE HALL'S VICTORY OVER SAMS REALLY A POLITICAL ANTICLIMAX

DAVID HALL'S conquest of GOP contender W. Harold Sams at the polls Tuesday was a political anticlimax.

Despite considerable Republican campaign activity, most knowledgeable observers—and nearly everyone else—would have conceded the chances of a Sams' upset very slim.

HALL'S real victory came last summer in the 12th District's seething Democratic cauldron.

He came out on top of all these boiling developments.

Representative George A. Shuford, winding up 6 years in Congress, was the favored candidate for the party's renomination.

But wealthy Waynesville industrialist Heinz W. Rollman, who had actually been campaigning a year in advance came out openly against Shuford and began a free-spending blitz on the nomination.

Three other candidates dropped in their hats. HALL wasn't among them and no one even thought of him as a candidate at the time.

Shuford, who had already had two operations for cataracts, entered an Asheville hospital the week of the May 31 primary. After 3 days, his admission became known, but few details could be established beyond that he had entered for minor surgery and a checkup.

In the primary vote, Shuford bested the field of four opponents, although Rollman rounded up nearly 19,000 votes. Then, as losers' tempers flared, it developed that Shuford's illness was more serious, had resulted in strokelike complications, including some paralysis. He transferred to Bethesda Naval Hospital for treatment. While back at home Rollman and others began charging the voters had been deceived—that they would have voted otherwise if Shuford's condition had been known.

Denials or explanations generally were brushed aside. The political squabble spilled into print and downstate press reports began building up a picture of alleged conspiracies of silence.

Shuford eventually decided against a general election campaign because of his health.

This tossed the nomination into the lap of the almost unknown district executive committee—two representatives from each of the area's 10 counties.

Rollman cried that the nomination was his by rights of runnerup. The strong Buncombe political organization booster City Manager J. Weldon Weir of Asheville, Henderson hopeful advanced a familiar name—Monroe Redden, Jr.—son of a former district Congressman.

Only the far western area hailed the name of HALL.

Into a hot upper story chamber of the Swain County courthouse the day of the decision, delegates from all over the district were packed for the executive committee's meeting. Speeches were public, but the selection was to be private.

Nevertheless, after the first 20 minutes, it became obvious that if the committee had any idea of fulfilling the wishes of the people who'd turned out, it could scarcely help selecting the man in the wheelchair on the front row—DAVID MCKEE HALL, paralyzed but powerful.

Rollman's name was never nominated in committee. The other major contenders lost where they needed to win. HALL and his uncle, influential Superior Court Judge Dan K. Moore, who'd just resigned from the bench to go into private industry, had done their work well.

The little counties carried the day. And that was the day that DAVID picked off both Goliath and the GOP with smooth pebbles.

[From the Asheville (N.C.) Citizen Nov. 5, 1958]

HALL KEEPS ONLY PROMISE: ONE MADE TO HIS DAUGHTERS

(By John Parris)

WEBSTER.—DAVE HALL grinned. "Yep," he said, "They say I'm going to Congress."

This was his reaction as the voters of the 12th Congressional District gave him a resounding victory Tuesday over his Republican opponent, W. Harold Sams of Asheville.

HALL, 40-year-old lawyer and native of Jackson County, welcomed the news of his election at his farm home here in Webster.

As the returns made it evident that HALL had chalked up one of the largest majorities in a 12th District Congressional race, his first act as newly elected Congressman was to carry out the only promise he had made during the campaign.

That promise was to his three small daughters.

He had kissed them goodnight at 8 p.m. with the promise he would wake them when he learned of the outcome of the election.

And at 10:25 p.m. he roused them gently. They came wide awake. Their eyes sparkled through the sleep from which they had awakened. But they knew as only a child's faith knows.

"Daddy," said Anne, who is 10, "you beat him. I know you did."

DAVE HALL grinned and kissed her.

And then Allison, who is 8, and Hannah, who is 4, hugged their daddy and set up a happy screaming, jumping up and down in their beds.

It was a happy, homey scene.

Nightlong, DAVE HALL had sat in his wheelchair near the telephone at his home, with his family about him, listening to the returns as they came in.

And nightlong, his telephone had rung constantly, bringing the voices of friends calling to tell him how he was running in the various counties. And when the results were in and it was assured that he was the next Congressman from the 12th District, DAVID HALL made his first public statement as the newly elected Representative from the 12th District.

He said:

"This is a great, heartfelt moment in my life.

"It is with a feeling of great pride and a sense of sincere responsibility that I accept this, the most important office that you, the voters of the 12th Congressional District of North Carolina can bestow.

"I pledge that I will dedicate myself and my office to true representation of all the people of this great district.

"And I wish especially to express my appreciation to my devoted wife and family and to my friends who have made it possible for me to attain this high position.

"I assure each and every one of you that this acceptance is with the deepest humility. And I trust that I can in my work merit the confidence you have placed in me."

[From the Waynesville (N.C.) Mountaineer, Nov. 10, 1958]

CONGRESSMAN HALL SETS SEVERAL RECORDS

For the first time in 47 years, a North Carolina Congressman has been elected west of the French Broad River.

The election of DAVID M. HALL, of Sylva, on Tuesday set up a number of records—first he gathered more votes by several thousands than many political observers had predicted; he became the first man west of Asheville to get elected to Congress, and he is one of the youngest men of the district to ever sit in Congress.

HALL'S hometown newspaper, the Sylva Herald said editorially:

"People of Jackson County have good reason to be proud of DAVID HALL, who on Tuesday was elected to serve the 12th District in Congress. He is believed to be the first man west of Haywood County to be named Congressman. And it has been 49 years since a Congressman came from the area outside Buncombe and Henderson Counties. The last one west of the French Broad was the late W. T. Crawford of Waynesville, who served in 1911."

Even though there has been a drought in having a Congressman from 6 of the 10 counties in the district, when HALL takes office in January he will carry with him experience gained while a State senator. And we do not expect other legislators in Washington to be "pulling the wool over his eyes." HALL knows politicians. How they work. And he understands their legal language, which often is designed to gain public opinion but has tricky phrases.

A native of Jackson, the 40-year-old Congressman received a certificate of law from the University of North Carolina Law School in 1947 and was named Phi Delta Phi Student of the Year. He was the first special student to graduate from UNC Law School with an LL.B. degree.

By showing that he could overcome a physical disability, having been confined to a wheelchair since he was 15, HALL knows which rows are hard ones to hoe better than the average person.

Knowing the game and fighting young Sylva attorney, who succeeds Congressman George Shuford of Asheville, we know HALL has a wealth of knowledge that will fit him for the big job in Washington. In addition to being State senator, he has served as a member of the State Water Conservation Committee and in dozens of other fields of activity, politically and otherwise.

His new job carries great opportunities and still graver responsibilities. The citizens of Jackson are quite sure that "BUD" HALL, as he is known by his friends, will serve his county, his district, his State and his Nation with distinction. He goes to Washington with the best wishes of all the citizens of the district.

[From the Asheville (N.C.) Citizen, Jan. 8, 1959]

PROUD DAUGHTERS LOOK ON AS REPRESENTATIVE HALL TAKES OFFICE

(By Margaret Kernodle)

WASHINGTON.—It took a former President, Harry S. Truman, to attract the attention of three little North Carolina girls away from their father, Representative DAVID M. HALL, Democrat, of North Carolina, in the House Wednesday.

Anne, 10, Allison, 8, and Hannah, 4, kept their eyes on their father from the time he entered the House in his wheelchair until Truman appeared in the gallery. HALL was crippled by a disease in childhood.

"President Truman sat just two seats away from me," Allison exclaimed.

She was a little reluctant to tell her father how impressed she was with the former President, as if she didn't really mean to take away any glory from daddy when he took his oath of office as a Congressman.

Hannah and Allison admitted they waved proudly at their father, but Anne said she was a little too grown-up to do that, though she admitted she watched him almost constantly as the opening session of the 86th Congress got underway.

Hannah fought off a virus infection to make the ceremony and sat on her mother's lap.

HALL returned to his suite in the Old House Office Building for a reception for his family and close friends who came to Washington for the ceremony.

Also very proud of him was his mother, stately gray-haired Mrs. Edith Moore Hall, stunning in a navy blue outfit, who presided at the coffee table.

Here also were his sisters, Mrs. C. N. Dowdle, of Franklin, N.C., and Miss Lela Moore Hall, of Lillington, N.C.; his brother, Robert Hall, of Asheville, and his uncle, Dan Moore, former North Carolina superior court judge, of Asheville.

HALL succeeds Representative George A. Shuford, Democrat, of North Carolina, who retired at the end of the 85th Congress.

The Halls have a house in nearby Arlington, and the older daughters have entered public school there, three blocks away. But the Halls arrived ahead of their furniture. To the delight of the Hall daughters, furniture in the new house has consisted so far of only mattresses, a sofa, and an army cot.

[From the Asheville (N.C.) Citizen, Feb. 9, 1959]

REPRESENTATIVE HALL AND OUTER SPACE

When committee assignment time came in the House in Washington, Representative DAVID M. HALL, of Sylva, got exactly the opposite of what he had requested.

He wanted to start off on solid ground, asked to be put on the Interior Committee.

Instead, he was assigned to outer space, the first permanent new committee of both Houses of Congress since 1892.

The 12th District Democrat, a congressional freshman, married 15 years, admits his contact with the moon is remote. But he is modest in saying that. A mountain man, he has lived closer to the moon and the stars than his lowland colleagues.

Mr. HALL has accepted his assignment as offering a challenging opportunity for service.

The importance of the work of the Space Committee is spelled out in some points made by Representative Overton Brooks, Democrat, of Louisiana, chairman of the new committee. He told Congressional Quarterly:

"Missiles will begin to replace manned aircraft by 1963.

"The defense budget soon will be divided into two parts—one for brush-fire wars and the other for all-out atomic missile wars.

"Interservice competition over control of missile development will grow more intense. The program should be unified under one department.

"Ultimately the United Nations or some other international agency will have to spell out outer space law.

"The national security aspects of space vehicles should be stressed now. Development of satellites will benefit later from this."

Mr. HALL, as a member of the Space Committee, is thus in a position to engage in pioneering legislative work in connection with the space race with the Soviet Union. For instance, there will be many problems dealing with international aspects of space and space law.

"We have no time to lose," added Representative Brooks. "There is no doubt the Russians are ahead of us in some particulars," notably the thrust of their engines in their missiles. "I will not be satisfied until we have closed the gap in the missile and space race."

All of this leads to the fact that Representative HALL does face a challenging field of work, one that is vital to the future of America. He may have wanted Interior, but he is now in a position to serve the Nation on a legislative frontier that has no boundary and is fraught with meaning to the American people and the entire human race.

[From Reach, a bimonthly publication of the North Carolina division of vocational rehabilitation, Raleigh, N.C., of January-February 1960]

DAVID HALL, THIS IS YOUR LIFE

"Handicap," as defined by Webster, means to put at a disadvantage or to hinder; but had you been present on January 3, 1959, when DAVID MCKEE HALL, paraplegic, quietly rolled his wheelchair into the Nation's Capitol to take the oath of office as a Member of the 86th Congress, representing the 12th Congressional District of North Carolina, you might have said, "HALL has revised Webster." And indeed you would have been quite correct, because his journey to Washington had been made over a long and toilsome road strewn with boulders of pain and suffering, blocked at intervals

by detours of long, lingering months in hospital beds—all of which would have made a person of less fortitude, determination, and driving ambition turn back and thus confirm Webster's definition that a handicap is truly a hindrance. But because of his relentless drive, his complete unwillingness to admit defeat, his all-consuming ambition, the journey had been accomplished. And in so doing, he had lent inspiration and encouragement to others—both handicapped and physically fit—to complete the task at hand, to achieve that goal out yonder and to do it without complaining.

At the age of 12, David was a round, pudgy, pink-cheeked lad who had more than the normal boy's interest in fishing, hunting, scouting, football, and the like. That is, until the day that osteomyelitis destroyed the participation, even though it could not lessen the interest which remains intact to this day some 28 years later. And thus began the years of suffering, of excruciating pain, and of long, long months in Piedmont Hospital, Atlanta—years which deprived him of a secondary education because of the some 200 surgical operations he was required to undergo, and the repeated close brushes with death. At the age of 15, the infection affected his spinal cord to the extent that he was permanently paralyzed from the waist down and thereafter confined to a wheelchair life.

Throughout the 28 years his family physicians and close friends were constantly amazed at the indomitable courage he manifested at all times, never discouraged if his plans and activities were brought to an end by another painful hospital experience but always ready to begin a new project or complete the old one when given brief respites at home.

Then, with the discovery of the sulfa antibiotics, his hospital stays became less frequent and so he determined to enter the University of North Carolina; and like all his plans and ambitions, he carried this to a successful, brilliant conclusion by his graduation in 1948, thus becoming the first special student to graduate from the law school with an LL.B. degree. Thereafter, he passed the State bar examination and opened a law office in Sylva where he has been practicing law since that time. During the time he was in college, he was not only studying law himself, but was helping blind students by reading to them.

His subsequent achievements and accomplishments came as no surprise to those who knew him best, for at last they were convinced that when David Hall said, "I will," it meant that he would and could. Because of his attitude and demeanor concerning his handicap, one forgets that he cannot stand up tall and straight or that he is denied the simple art of walking into a room. He has never sought concessions or privileges because of physical limitations, rather he prefers to take his turn always with the physically normal.

Too much cannot be said for his mental approach to his handicap. Gov. Luther H. Hodges said at the recent Young Democratic Club convention in Asheville that DAVID HALL had exhibited more courage than any man he had ever known. The distinguished Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr., in introducing him at the 12th Congressional District rally in Bryson City, likened his courage and achievements to those of the knight described in the poem "The Broken Sword."

More important than these encomiums is the widespread influence he has had on other handicapped people by his inspiring example and the tangible things he has done for their benefit. Perhaps one of his most noteworthy contributions was in 1946, at Manhattan Institute for the Crippled and Disabled in New York. (See Time magazine, Sept. 16, 1946.)

Through his understanding and sincere appreciation of the vocational rehabilitation program, he has encouraged many handicapped people, especially other paraplegics, to develop their limited abilities. Searching out those in need of help and working in close cooperation with the vocational rehabilitation counselor, he has frequently made his office available for conferences and interviews between these individuals and the counselor which resulted in their receiving training and/or other rehabilitation services through which they gained a new lease on life.

For many years DAVID HALL has devoted considerable time and effort in working with the local Committee on Employ the Physically Handicapped; he was instrumental in getting a survey made by the employment service on the county's labor supply which later led to the location of a new industrial plant in the community, thereby creating additional job opportunities for the unemployed. He has helped many handicapped people to secure gainful employment and thus become useful citizens who experience the satisfaction that comes with finding one's place in life.

He has served his district well in the House of Representatives and has been accorded recognition unusual for a freshman Representative. He was honored by being appointed to the House Committee on Science and Astronautics, the first permanent standing committee to be created by the Congress since 1892. As a member of this committee, he participated in an 11,000-mile factfinding inspection tour of the major research and development centers of Western Europe's NATO countries.

He served in the senate of the 1955 North Carolina General Assembly, has been a member of numerous boards and commissions, is active in the Methodist Church, and in local civic organizations.

The mountains, streams, and waterfalls of western North Carolina are dear to his heart. He enjoys swimming, hunting, and

fishing. He lives on a farm adjacent to the Tuckasegee River, in the beautiful restored old home of his ancestors at Webster, N.C., with his lovely wife, Sarah McCullom Hall, and their three daughters, Anne, Allison, and Hannah, ages 12, 10, and 5 years. Their happy homelife has been well described in many feature stories which have appeared in the Asheville Citizen.

Since this article on DAVID HALL was started, his doctors have told him that he has cancer. And like all the other obstacles which have confronted him, he has accepted this with the same calm, courageous attitude—not one of resignation, but one of continued determination which finds him now as a patient in Memorial Hospital, Sloan-Kettering Institute, New York, from where he radiates hope and confidence of recovery from the favorable report of his doctors there.

DAVID HALL looks to the future and a continuing career of service.

[From the Asheville (N.C.) Citizen, Jan. 30, 1960]

DAVID HALL, 41, DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

SYLVA.—Twelfth District Congressman DAVID M. HALL, stricken by cancer last November, died here at 5:45 p.m. Friday in C. J. Harris Hospital.

The 41-year-old Congressman was a native of Sylva. He was elected to represent the 10-county congressional district in the November 1958 general election. He had been expected to seek reelection this year.

Victim of a crippling bone infection at the age of 12, HALL underwent surgery December 10 in a New York hospital for removal of a cancerous growth on his bladder. He died of complications of the operation, including a kidney blockage.

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Specialists who performed the operation reported to HALL afterward that the cancer has been completely eliminated. HALL was returned to the hospital here January 12 to continue convalescence.

A paraplegic who had been confined to a wheelchair since the age of 15, HALL was an attorney by profession but had devoted some attention to farming.

HALL styled himself a political conservative in Democratic ranks. Before election to Congress, he had served in the North Carolina Senate and later, as a member of the North Carolina Board of Water Commissioners.

PICKED BY COMMITTEE

The Democratic district executive committee on July 31, 1958, chose HALL to run in place of Representative George A. Shuford, of Asheville, who had withdrawn as the Democratic nominee for reasons of health.

Recognized as an active Jackson County civic and political leader, HALL won the district committee's nomination from a field of five aspirants. In the general election, HALL overwhelmed his Republican opponent, W. Harold Sams, an Asheville attorney.

Thus, for the first time in more than two generations, the 12th District's Democratic Representative was a man from west of the Balsams.

A month after his election, HALL announced the opening of a full-time district office in Waynesville, the first time a congressional office had been established west of Asheville.

The district office functioned as a clearinghouse for citizens with problems needing congressional attention. As a convenience to constituents, a representative of the office followed a schedule of regular appearances in many western North Carolina towns and cities.

HALL was sworn into the U.S. House of Representatives on January 7, 1959.

Less than 2 months later, on February 23, he underwent surgery in Bethesda Naval Hospital in Washington for drainage of his right kidney after proper natural expulsion had failed. Physicians announced the following month that a second kidney operation might become necessary.

This operation, for the removal of scar tissue resulting from the kidney surgery, was performed November 10 in St. Joseph's Hospital in Asheville.

Three days later, physicians who performed the operation announced the finding of a malignancy in miscroscopic studies of the scar tissue. HALL went to New York soon afterward to begin a series of X-ray treatments preparing him for the December 10 operation for removal of the cancerous growth.

As a Member of Congress, HALL asked for Interior when committee assignments came around. He got outer space.

Commenting on the assignment HALL stated: "Except for the contacts with the Interior Department in my district, I am very happy with it."

HALL became top-ranking freshman Democrat on the space committee, the first permanent new committee of both Houses since 1892.

During the month he was sworn in, the Sylva Representative was elected treasurer of the 86th Congressional Club. The club, chiefly

social, was composed of 63 freshmen Democratic House Members elected to the 86th Congress.

HALL was a strong supporter of timber management and development plans. He frequently called attention to western North Carolina's vast timber resources.

In September 1959 HALL went to London for a series of conferences in connection with the International Astronomical Federation Conference.

Born May 16, 1918 at Sylva, HALL was the son of Mrs. Edith Moore Hall of Sylva and the late David McKee Hall.

Despite his physical disability, HALL received a certificate of law from the University of North Carolina Law School in 1947 and an LL.B. degree in June 1948. Admitted to the bar in August 1947, he began active practice in Sylva in the fall of 1948.

His record at the university was outstanding, both in academic and extracurricular activities. He headed a number of important campus organizations including Vance Inn of Phi Delta Phi. He was the first special student to graduate from the University of North Carolina Law School with an LL.B. degree since the school's establishment.

In the summer of 1947, he appeared before the Congress of Physical Medicine in New York and gave a demonstration of new mobility methods being taught paraplegics. Although he seldom used them, HALL had mastered the ability to walk on crutches.

Among organizations in which he participated or held office were the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, the Jackson County Industrial Committee, and Jackson County Industries, the Sylva Rotary Club and Sylva Methodist Church, Jackson chapter of the American Red Cross, and Morehead Scholarship Committee of Jackson County. He served as county attorney for 2 years and was town attorney for Sylva from 1948 until 1951. He had also served as attorney for the town of Dillsboro.

HALL had been active in county and district Democratic circles for more than 20 years. He had served as president of the Jackson County Young Democratic Club and as a member and officer in the Jackson County Democratic Executive Committee.

He was a grandson of the late Superior Court Judge Frederick Moore, grandnephew of Superior Court Judge Walter E. Moore, and grandnephew of the late E. L. McKee, and State Senator Gertrude Dills McKee, his wife.

He was a nephew of Superior Court Judge Dan K. Moore, of Sylva, now associated with Champion Paper and Fiber Co.

Survivors include his widow, the former Miss Sarah McCollum, of Bradenton, Fla., to whom he was married in 1944, and three daughters: Sarah Anne, 10, Edith Allison, 9, and Hannah McKee, 4;

a brother, Robert C. Hall, of Asheville, and two sisters: Miss Lela Moore Hall and Mrs. Margaret Hall Dowdle, both of Franklin.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday in Sylva Methodist Church. The Rev. Asmond G. Maxwell, pastor, and the Rev. Robert G. Tuttle, of Asheville, district superintendent of the Asheville District Methodist Church, will be in charge. Burial will be in the family plot in Webster County.

Pallbearers will be Ernest Burch, Andrew Wilson, Joseph T. Wilson, Lacey Thornberg, Malcolm Brown, Fred D. Cooper, E. L. McKee, and W. D. McKee.

Before his death, Representative HALL requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made toward establishment of a David McKee Hall Scholarship Fund at Western Carolina College.

[From the Asheville (N.C.) Times, Jan. 31, 1960]

FUNERAL FOR HALL AT 3 P.M. TODAY

SYLVA.—Representative DAVID M. HALL, the paraplegic freshman Congressman who died Friday of complications from cancer surgery, will be buried Sunday in the family plot at Webster.

Funeral services will be conducted at 3 p.m. in the Sylva Methodist Church by the Reverend Asmond G. Maxwell, pastor, and the Reverend Robert G. Tuttle, superintendent of the Asheville district of the Methodist Church.

The 41-year-old HALL had requested that in the event of his death flowers be omitted and expressions of sympathy be in the form of donations to a scholarship fund at Western Carolina College, where his mother is assistant dean of women.

Members of the North Carolina Congressional Delegation planned to come from Washington by train for the funeral. Representative George Miller, Democrat, of California, was named to represent the House Space Committee, of which HALL was a member, at the services. Also accompanying the North Carolina delegation was Zeake W. Johnson, Jr., House sergeant at arms.

(In respect to HALL, the House of Representatives has tentatively postponed its Monday program.)

A special primary and election will be necessary to fill the remainder of HALL'S term, which expires next January. Roy A. Taylor, former State representative from Black Mountain, announced last week as a candidate for HALL'S seat in the May Democratic primaries. Others being mentioned include State Senator William Medford of Waynesville and former Solicitor Thad Bryson, of Bryson City and Franklin, but neither has announced.

HALL won his congressional seat in 1958, after the Democratic nominee, Representative George A. Shuford of Asheville, withdrew because of ill health. HALL, the pick of the district Democratic committee, soundly defeated the Republican candidate, W. Harold Sams of Asheville.

He was sworn in last January, but 2 months later had to undergo surgery for drainage of his right kidney. During another operation, a month later, to remove scar tissue from the preceding surgery a malignant growth was discovered.

On December 10 the malignancy was removed in an operation at Sloan-Kettering Institute in New York. HALL returned home to recuperate, but his health began to decline and he entered the hospital here, where he died.

Surviving are the widow, the former Sarah McCollum of Bradenton, Fla., three young daughters; his mother, Mrs. Edith M. Hall, of Cullowhee; a brother, Robert C. Hall, of Asheville; and two sisters, Miss Lela Hall and Mrs. Margaret Hall Dowdle, both of Franklin.

[From the Asheville, (N.C.) Citizen-Times, Jan. 31, 1960]

REPRESENTATIVE DAVID MCKEE HALL

Representative DAVID MCKEE HALL'S death has brought a deep sense of loss and of regret.

The freshman Congressman from the 12th North Carolina District died of complications following a cancer operation performed last December 10.

The gentleman from the valley of the Tuckasegee west of the Balsams was but 41 years of age.

In the prime of his maturity, death brought a close to what promised to be a distinguished career in the lower House of Congress. He was a member of the Space Committee.

He had intended to seek renomination in the May Democratic primary. He had many friends and wide support.

Illness was no new experience for DAVE HALL. Crippled by a bone infection in his youth, he was a paraplegic. Since the age of 15 he had been confined to a wheelchair.

This physical handicap did not deter Mr. HALL from living a full and active life.

He was known for his faith and courage, his optimism in the face of adversity.

The quality of his mind and character led him to enter the field of public service. After studying at the University of North Carolina, where his record was outstanding, he practiced law in his

native town of Sylva in Jackson County. He was not only proficient in his profession (he farmed also), but developed into a constructive civic leader.

For more than 20 years he was active in Democratic Party circles and he served in a number of official capacities, including membership in the State senate and on the North Carolina Board of Water Commissioners.

Representative HALL was a member of a prominent mountain family, many of whose members have won distinction in business, in the professions, and in public life.

It is men like DAVE HALL who gave lasting contributions to the growth and development of this mountain region. He was deeply interested in serving the region and his fellow man and he did serve well and faithfully in all the posts to which he was called in civic and political life.

We have reason to remember DAVE HALL, not the least by far being the record of courage which shone through his entire life. It becomes a legacy of his family and an inspiration to all who had the privilege of knowing him.

[From the Waynesville (N.C.) Mountaineer, Feb. 1, 1960]

LARGE CROWDS ATTEND LAST RITES OF REPRESENTATIVE D. M. HALL

A large number of Haywood County citizens were among the estimated 600 persons who attended funeral services for 12th District Congressman DAVID M. HALL, Sunday afternoon in the Sylva Methodist Church.

The small church, with seats for only 200, was filled to capacity with many standing. An estimated 400 friends waited outside.

The service, conducted by the Reverend Asmond L. Maxwell, pastor, and the Reverend Robert G. Tuttle, superintendent of the Asheville district of the Methodist Church, was simple and impressive.

The active pallbearers were Ernest Burch, Andrew Wilson, Joseph T. Wilson, Lacey Thornberg, Malcolm Brown, Fred D. Cooper, E. L. McKee, and W. D. McKee.

A delegation of U.S. Congressmen and Senators included North Carolina's two Senators, Sam J. Ervin, of Morganton, and B. Everett Jordan, of Saxapaw, and Hugh Q. Alexander, of Kannapolis, L. H. Fountain, of Tarboro, Charles R. Jonas, of Lincolnton, A. Paul Kitchin, of Wadesboro, Alton A. Lennon, of Wilmington, Ralph J. Scott, of Danbury, and Basil L. Whitener, of Gastonia.

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The 41-year-old Congressman was a native of Sylva. He was elected to represent the 10-county congressional district in November 1958.

He became top-ranking freshman Democrat on the Space Committee, the first permanent new committee of both Houses since 1892. He was a strong supporter of timber management and development plans. He frequently called attention to western North Carolina's vast timber resources.

In September 1959, HALL went to London for a series of conferences in connection with the International Astronomical Federation Conference.

HALL was the son of Mrs. Edith Moore Hall, of Sylva, and the late David McKee Hall. He was a grandson of the late Superior Court Judge Frederick Moore and a nephew of Superior Court Judge Dan K. Moore of Canton, now associated with Champion Paper & Fiber Co.

Despite his physical disability, he received a certificate of law from the University of North Carolina Law School in 1947 and the LL.B. degree in June 1948. He began his law practice in Sylva in the fall of 1948.

In the summer of 1947, HALL appeared before the Congress of Physical Medicine in New York and gave a demonstration of new mobility methods being taught paraplegics.

He participated and held office in the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, the Jackson County Industrial Committee and Jackson County Industries, the Sylva Rotary Club, the Sylva Methodist Church, Jackson chapter of the American Red Cross, and the Morehead Scholarship Committee. He served as county attorney for 2 years and was town attorney for Sylva from 1948 until 1951. He had also served as attorney for the town of Dillsboro.

Active in county and district Democratic circles for 20 years, he had served as president of the Jackson County Young Democratic Club and as an officer in the Jackson County Democratic executive committee.

Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Sarah McCollum, of Bradenton, Fla.; three daughters, Sarah Anne 10, Edith Allison 9, and Hannah McKee 4; a brother, Robert C. Hall, of Asheville; and two sisters, Miss Lela Moore Hall and Mrs. Margaret Hall Dowdle, both of Franklin.

[From the Waynesville (N.C.) Mountaineer, Feb. 1, 1960]

REPRESENTATIVE HALL WAS A MAN OF GREAT COURAGE

Representative DAVID MCKEE HALL was a symbol of courage and determination.

Having suffered from a physical handicap for some 25 years, he never sought sympathy—never indulged in self-pity. He was, in turn, concerned over the welfare of others and made many valuable contributions to the civic, religious, business, and cultural life of his community and district.

An indication of his concern for his fellowman was one of his last requests—that a scholarship fund be established at Western Carolina College in lieu of floral offerings.

Representative HALL was an inspiration to people of all ages in all walks of life. He won out many, many times over great odds as he underwent numerous operations in an effort to regain his health.

He was a consistent fighter and never knew what it was to give up. The greater the odds, the harder he fought.

The adult life of Representative HALL was truly one of courage and determination—an inspiration to those who are prone to give up this side of success.

[From the Asheville (N.C.) Citizen, Feb. 1, 1960]

SIX HUNDRED FRIENDS AND NOTABLES ATTEND FUNERAL FOR HALL

SYLVA.—More than 600 persons attended funeral services here Sunday afternoon for Representative DAVID M. HALL, 12th District Congressman who died Friday of complications from cancer surgery.

The small Sylva Methodist Church, with seats for only 200, was filled to capacity with many standing. An estimated 400 additional persons waited outside.

The service was simple and impressive. The Reverend Asmond L. Maxwell, pastor, described the 41-year-old HALL as a man with "indomitable courage known to all." Of HALL, the minister said:

"He had a strong will to live in a large world. He had drive, control, and discipline of his natural abilities. He had a desire to grow, to learn, to accomplish.

"He had faith in himself, boundless energy, unceasing hope, a sense of duty and mission although he knew he lived 'on borrowed time'."

Stricken by a crippling bone disease at the age of 12, HALL had lived most of his life in a wheelchair. During his life, he underwent more than 100 operations.

The last was performed December 10 in New York City for removal of a cancerous growth of the bladder. The Congress-

man's death resulted from complications of the operation, including a kidney stoppage.

HALL's casket was cloaked in white carnations. Organ music filled the church as the coffin was rolled to the front of the altar.

In addition to the minister, who was assisted by the Reverend Robert G. Tuttle of Asheville, superintendent of the Asheville district of the Methodist Church, the solemn procession into the church included the pallbearers, members of the family, and a delegation of U.S. Congressmen and Senators who came from Washington for HALL's last rites.

Included in the group were North Carolina's two Senators, Sam J. Ervin of Morganton and B. Everett Jordan of Saxapahaw and North Carolina Congressmen Hugh Q. Alexander of Kannapolis, L. H. Fountain of Tarboro, Charles R. Jonas of Lincolnton, A. Paul Kitchin of Wadesboro, Alton A. Lennon of Wilmington, Ralph J. Scott of Danbury, and Basil L. Whitener of Gastonia.

Representative George P. Miller, Democrat, California, attended as a representative of the House Space Committee, of which HALL was a member. Zeake W. Johnson, Jr., House Sergeant at Arms, also was present.

HALL was buried in the family cemetery at Webster, a few miles south of Sylva. He was buried in the same plot with his father, DAVID MCKEE HALL, who died in 1938.

The little cemetery is at the crest of a hill. Stretching for miles beyond the Cowee Mountains and at the foot of the hill the Tuckasegee River winds its way through the valley.

The cemetery is a short distance from the HALL homeplace, a stately home built by HALL's grandfather on the banks of the Tuckasegee.

At least 200 persons attended the burial services. The grave was thickly covered with flowers even though HALL had requested that in the event of his death, flowers be omitted and expressions of sympathy be in the form of contributions to a scholarship fund at Western Carolina College.

Telegrams of sympathy were received by HALL's widow from dozens of congressional Members, other nationally known persons, and notables with whom HALL had been closely associated.

Governor Hodges wired: "Mrs. Hodges joins me in expressing to you our love and sympathy in your great loss."

Senator Ervin's telegram read: "We sorrow with you and the other members of his family in DAVE's passing. We have never known a more gallant person."

A telegram from Senator Jordan stated: "Katherine and I deeply grieved to learn of the passing of our good friend DAVE. He will be greatly missed by his host of friends throughout North Carolina and by his colleagues in the Congress. DAVE will long

be remembered for the great contribution he made to his community, State, and Nation and for his indomitable courage. Our deepest sympathy to you and the family."

Most of HALL's close 12th district friends were present for the funeral. Among them were Mrs. Edith P. Alley of Waynesville, who was in charge of his district office in Waynesville.

HALL's survivors include the widow, the former Sarah McCollum of Bradenton, Fla.; three small daughters; his mother, Mrs. Edith M. Hall of Cullowhee; a brother, Robert C. Hall of Asheville; and two sisters, Miss Lela Hall and Mrs. Margaret Hall Dowdle, both of Franklin.

[From the Winston-Salem (N.C.) Journal, Feb. 1, 1960]

DAVID M. HALL

In late August 1958—hardly 3 weeks after the 12th District's Democratic executive committee had named him as the party's nominee for Congress—DAVID M. HALL was in Washington more or less looking around. Asked by a Journal reporter if he was certain of victory in the November election, he grinned.

"It isn't a question of whether I'm coming (to Washington) or not," he said. "It's just a question of how long I'll stay."

As it turned out, the reply was more prophetic than it was intended. Mr. HALL died Friday afternoon—having filled only half the term to which he had indeed been elected that following November.

He was not in Congress long enough to build up much of a legislative record, to bring his name to public attention outside his own district and State, or even to shed fully the label of the freshman. But, while they had not come to know his public side, there are those in Congress—as there are many in other sections of his own State—who readily admired his personal courage. For Mr. HALL had entered Congress, as he had gone into most of the undertakings of his life, in a wheelchair. And his ambition, his obviously unflagging optimism, his desire for public service, in spite of his handicap, earned him highest regard.

On that count alone, Representative HALL achieved something which some men with the ability to walk and the opportunity to stay in Washington longer never have reached.

DAVID McKEE HALL

[From the Shelby (N.C.) Daily Star, Feb. 1, 1960]

The Mark of a Man

One must review with a mixture of respect, awe, and admiration the life of David M. Hall.

The man spent most of his 41 years confined to a wheelchair, but he was never one to whimper.

He survived countless operations, endured unbelievable pain and fought back every time. He insisted upon being his own man.

His courage, determination, and public-spirited law career led to his election to Congress from North Carolina's 12th District in 1958.

It looked for a while that David Hall would win the fight against his most recent assailant—cancer. But the ravages of the disease finally broke the resistance of a body that had previously fought and won over seemingly insurmountable odds.

When Hall was elected to Congress we wrote that here was an example for the youth of our land prone to whine about the adversities of their lives where material things are concerned.

Here was a man, even though confined to a wheelchair, who insisted upon standing upon his own two feet.

And we'll wager he never stood taller than he does now.

[From the Durham (N.C.) Morning Herald, Feb. 2, 1960]

Heroic Courage

Representative David Hall's life was short—he was only 41 when he died Friday—but it will long be cited in North Carolina as an example of heroic courage.

From the age of 15 Dave Hall had been confined to a wheelchair, a paraplegic. But the handicap which chained his body did not curb his mind and his confidence. He earned a law degree at the University of North Carolina, returned home to practice, and earned the respect and confidence of his neighbors. They sent him to the State senate. Then, when Representative Shuford declined the Democratic nomination in the 12th District after the 1958 primary, Hall was the choice of the district Democratic committee for nominee.

Ill health had plagued him during the little more than a year he had served in Congress. He was much in hospitals. Finally came the dread diagnosis, cancer. Characteristically, Dave Hall joined battle with this most formidable of foes. The courage, the

confidence, and the will which had carried him so far were his to the end. And in his passing, DAVE HALL has left an example which shines among the many shining pages of the records of those who refused to let physical handicap keep them from the high destiny they believed was theirs.

[From a Morristown, Tenn., Newspaper]

Perhaps the greatest endowment to any child is the will to do.

Far greater than an inheritance of wealth or brains is that indefinable something lit early in a young person's mind and heart that inspires him with a determination to make the most of the gifts with which God has endowed him.

In the majority of instances, such a person does not have a superabundance of gray matter; but he has something much better, commonsense and a tiny power motor somewhere in his makeup that keeps saying, over and over, to him: "I think I can; I think I can; I think I can."

Whatever the limitations of opportunity, and sometimes these opportunities are so limited as to appear practically nil, such a boy or girl has the drive to pick up straws and to keep using those straws until they have erected a house of brick and stone.

Such are the lessons of success which have painted such marvelous panoramas in the business history of the United States.

Although now in this country those who are unwilling to work and who feel that Uncle Sam owes them a living are embarked upon a governmental program to force the workers to more than divide with the drones, around us all the time are patterns of success positively amazing.

Such a pattern is the life of Congressman DAVID M. HALL, freshman Democratic Representative from the State of North Carolina, who last week died in Sylva, N.C., at the early age of 41 years.

Direct cause of death was attributed to cancer, that dread disease that seems to be constantly increasing as a menace, not only to the old but to the young as well.

DAVID HALL had been an invalid all of his life. Most boys would have given up from the very first, would have folded their hands, carried along with a grimace on their faces, been depressed, miserable, a happiness deterrent to themselves and all those around them.

Although a paraplegic confined to a wheelchair for 30 of his 41 years, Mr. HALL succeeded in obtaining his degree in law from the University of North Carolina, entered into all sorts of business ventures, as well as practicing his profession, married and became the father of three lovely little girls.

Greatly interested in civic affairs, Mr. HALL was also interested in the welfare of his State and of the Nation. He had made a name for himself in Washington where he was regarded as an able and patriotic Representative.

Last rites for young HALL were held the past Sunday in a small Methodist mountain church in his home city where his death had followed recent surgery for removal of cancer.

Among the 500 persons attending the services was the entire North Carolina congressional delegation, as well as many other notable of Washington who same to pay final tribute to a man whom all considered marvelous.

Rev. A. S. Maxwell, in speaking of the deceased, said:

"HALL was richly blessed here," said the Rev. A. S. Maxwell. "His indomitable courage is known to all.

"He knew he lived on borrowed time," Maxwell told the group which overflowed the small red brick church.

He recalled the Representative's "strong will to live in a large world * * * his drive, control, and discipline of his natural abilities * * * his desire to grow, to learn, to achieve * * * his faith in himself * * * his boundless energy * * * his unceasing hope * * * his sense of duty, of mission through life * * *."

As Maxwell spoke of the young Representative's traits, his widow and three small girls sat in a front pew, weeping softly.

Behind them sat Senators Sam J. Ervin, Jr., and B. Everett Jordan; the 11 North Carolina House Members; Representative George P. Miller, Democrat of California, of the House Space Committee on which HALL served; and Zeake Johnson, Sergeant at Arms of the House.

The 41-year-old HALL had requested that in the event of his death flowers be omitted and expressions of sympathy be in the form of donation to a scholarship fund at Western Carolina College where his mother is assistant dean of women.

A special election will be necessary to fill the remainder of HALL's term which expires next January. Roy A. Taylor former State representative from Black Mountain announced last week as a candidate for HALL's seat in the May Democratic primaries.

[From the Sylva (N.C.) Herald, Feb. 4, 1960]

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS SHOULD BE MAILED TO WCC PRESIDENT

Before his death, Congressman DAVID M. HALL requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made toward establishment of a DAVID MCKEE HALL Scholarship Fund at Western Carolina College.

Some who desire to contribute to this scholarship fund have raised a question as to procedure. The procedure is as follows:

Mail contributions to the scholarship fund to the President, Western Carolina College, Cullowhee, N.C. Checks should be made payable to the David McKee Hall Scholarship Fund.

The president's office will acknowledge the gifts and will notify the family of those who contribute to the scholarship fund.

[From the Sylva (N.C.) Herald, Feb. 4, 1960]

DAVID M. HALL, 41, DIES—FUNERAL SERVICES ARE HELD IN SYLVA SUNDAY AFTERNOON—CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION AMONG 600 WHO ATTEND

Twelfth District Congressman DAVID M. HALL, 41, of Sylva, stricken by cancer last November, died from complications of cancer surgery at 5:35 p.m., Friday, in C. J. Harris Community Hospital.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Sunday at Sylva Methodist Church. The Reverend Asmond Maxwell, pastor, assisted by the Reverend Robert G. Tuttle, superintendent of the Asheville district of the Methodist Church, officiated. Burial was in the family cemetery at Webster.

Survivors include the widow, the former Sarah McCollum of Bradenton, Fla.; three daughters, Sarah Anne, 11, Edith Allison, 9, and Hannah McKee, 5; his mother, Mrs. Edith M. Hall, of Cullowhee; a brother, Robert C. Hall, of Asheville; and two sisters, Miss Lela Moore Hall, of Lillington, and Mrs. Margaret Hall Dowdle, of Franklin.

Pallbearers were Ernest Burch, Andrew Wilson, Joseph T. Wilson, Lacy Thornburg, Malcolm Brown, Fred D. Hooper, E. L. McKee, and W. D. McKee.

Victim of a crippling bone infection at the age of 12, HALL underwent surgery December 10 in a New York hospital for removal of a cancerous growth on his bladder. He died of complications of the operation, including a kidney blockage.

Specialists who performed the operation reported to HALL afterward that the cancer had been completely eliminated. HALL was returned to C. J. Harris Hospital January 12 to continue convalescence.

A paraplegic who had been confined to a wheelchair since the age of 15, HALL was an attorney by profession but had devoted some attention to farming.

On July 31, 1958, the 10-member Democratic district executive committee selected HALL over five other Democratic nominee as-

pirants for the post left open when Representative George A. Shuford, of Asheville, withdrew because of his health.

HALL won over his Republican opponent, W. Harold Sams, Asheville attorney, in the general election to become 12th District Congressman.

HALL'S election marked the first time in 49 years that the 10-county area had had a Congressman outside Buncombe or Henderson Counties.

A month after his election, HALL announced the opening of a full-time district office in Waynesville, the first time a congressional office had been established west of Asheville.

HALL was sworn into the U.S. House of Representatives on January 7, 1959.

Less than 2 months later, on February 23, he underwent surgery in Bethesda Naval Hospital in Washington for drainage of his right kidney after proper natural expulsion had failed. Physicians announced the following month that a second kidney operation might become necessary.

This operation, for the removal of scar tissue resulting from the kidney surgery, was performed November 10 in St. Joseph's Hospital in Asheville.

Three days later, physicians who performed the operation announced the finding of malignancy in microscopic studies of the scar tissue. HALL went to New York soon afterward to begin a series of X-ray treatments preparing him for the December 10 operation for removal of the cancerous growth.

As a Member of the Congress, HALL became the top-ranking freshman member on the Outer Space Committee, the first permanent new committee of both Houses since 1892. In September, he went to London for a series of conferences in connection with the International Astronomical Federation Conference.

He received a certificate of law from the University of North Carolina Law School in June 1947 and an LL.B. degree in June 1948. He was admitted to the bar in August 1947.

Among organizations in which he participated or held office were the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, the Jackson County Industrial Committee and Jackson County Industries, the Sylva Rotary Club and Sylva Methodist Church, Jackson County Chapter of the American Red Cross and Morehead Scholarship Committee of Jackson County. He served as county attorney for 2 years and was town attorney for Sylva from 1948 to 1951. He had also served as attorney for the town of Dillsboro.

HALL had been active in county and district Democratic circles for more than 20 years. He had served as president of the Jackson County Young Democratic Club and as a member and officer in the Jackson County Democratic executive committee.

Born May 16, 1918, at Sylva, HALL was the son of Mrs. Edith Moore Hall, of Sylva, and the late David McKee Hall.

He was a grandson of the late Superior Court Judge Fredrick Moore, grandnephew of Superior Court Judge Walter E. Moore, and the grandnephew of the late E. L. McKee and State Senator Gertrude Dills McKee, his wife.

Among the more than 600 persons attending the funeral services Sunday was a delegation of U.S. Congressmen and Senators who came from Washington.

Included in the group were North Carolina's two Senators, Sam J. Ervin, of Morganton, and B. Everett Jordan, of Saxapahaw, and Congressmen Hugh Q. Alexander, of Kannapolis; L. H. Fountain, of Tarboro; Charles R. Jonas, of Lincolnton; A. Paul Kitchin, of Wadesboro; Alton Lennon, of Wilmington; Ralph J. Scott, of Danbury; and Basil L. Whitener, of Gastonia.

Representative George P. Miller, Democratic Congressman from California, attended as a representative of the House Space Committee. Zeake W. Johnson, Jr., House Sergeant at Arms, was also present.

Telegrams of sympathy were received by HALL'S widow from dozens of congressional Members, other nationally known persons, and notables with whom HALL had been closely associated.

Moody Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

[From the Smoky Mountain Times, Bryson City, N.C., Feb. 4, 1960]

CONGRESSMAN HALL DIES; FUNERAL AT SYLVA SUNDAY

Representative DAVID M. HALL, Democrat, of North Carolina, a paraplegic whose career carried him to Congress despite almost a lifetime of pain and suffering, was buried near Sylva Sunday.

Members of the U.S. Senate and House were among the mourners who crowded the small Sylva Methodist Church and thronged outside at services for the 41-year-old HALL, who suffered a bone disease at 12 and from 15 lived in a wheelchair.

"He had a strong will to live in a large world. He had drive, control, and discipline of his natural abilities. He had a desire to grow, to learn, to accomplish," said the Reverend Asmond L. Maxwell, the church pastor.

"He had faith in himself, boundless energy, unceasing hope, a sense of duty and mission, although he knew he lived on borrowed time."

HALL, a lawyer prominent in civic and Democratic Party affairs, was elected to Congress in 1958.

Those attending the funeral included North Carolina's two Democratic Senators, Sam J. Ervin, of Morganton, and B. Everett Jordan, of Saxapahaw, and seven of the State's Congressmen.

The House Space Committee, of which HALL was a member, was represented by Representative George P. Miller, Democrat, of California. Zeake W. Johnson, Jr., Sergeant at Arms of the House, also attended.

The church was filled to its 200-person capacity and many stood in the sanctuary. An estimated 400 others stood outside.

Mr. Maxwell was assisted in the service by the Reverend Robert G. Tuttle of the Asheville District of the Methodist Church.

Congressman HALL was buried in the family cemetery at Webster, a few miles south of Sylva and a short distance from the Hall homeplace. At least 200 persons attended the graveside services.

Attending HALL's funeral, in addition to North Carolina's two Senators; Johnson and Representative Miller, were North Carolina Congressmen Hugh Q. Alexander of Kannapolis, L. H. Fountain of Tarboro, Charles R. Jonas of Lincolnton, A. Paul Kitchin of Wadesbore, Alton A. Lennon of Wilmington, Ralph J. Scott of Danbury, and Basil L. Whitener of Gastonia.

Telegrams of sympathy were received by Mrs. Hall from Governor Hodges, Members of Congress, and other notables with whom her husband had been associated.

[From the Smoky Mountain Times, Bryson City, N.C., Feb. 4, 1960]

DAVID M. HALL

DAVID HALL proved that a person can become successful in spite of handicaps if he has the courage and if he has the will.

Crippled at the age of 12 and confined to a wheelchair since the age of 15, with determination and courage he forged himself a place as a leader in western North Carolina civic and political circles.

He had served in the North Carolina Senate and as a member of the North Carolina Board of Water Commissioners before being selected to serve in Congress by the Democratic executive committee in 1958.

This was the first time in more than two generations that a 12th District Democratic representative from west of the Balsams was in Congress.

He became ill less than 2 months after being sworn in as a Member of the House of Representatives, thus never getting the opportunity to do all he wanted for his district. But in spite of his serious illness, he kept in touch with affairs of the 12th. His

interest in the proposed Federal building in Bryson City is an example of his continuing work.

After his last major operation (he had 100 operations during his lifetime) he announced that he was coming home to recuperate and run for reelection.

This was typical of DAVE HALL who never admitted defeat against physical handicaps which would have overwhelmed a man of smaller stature.

It was with deep regret and sense of loss that the 12th District and North Carolina learned of his death.

He has made a high mark in his life as a gentleman, family man, and man of courage. We salute DAVE HALL, every inch a man.

[From the Sylva (N.C.) Herald, Feb. 4, 1960]

DAVID HALL WAS A SYMBOL OF COURAGE AND DETERMINATION

Jackson County has reason to long remember and honor the life and courage of DAVID MCKEE HALL, cut down so young in life, and who lived and achieved great success under trying physical handicap and suffering from his public school days, through his college training, and professional career.

DAVID HALL, confined to a wheelchair since his teenage days, packed more living, business, and public service into his 41 years than the majority of us achieve in a long lifetime.

Endowed with a keen mind and indomitable courage and a determination to achieve success in anything he undertook, DAVID HALL achieved professional and political success and rendered outstanding service to his county, State, and Nation.

Following his graduation from the University Law School and on being granted his license to practice he wasted no time in opening an office in his hometown and was soon recognized as an attorney of ability and gained a wide practice, particularly in the civil courts. He served as attorney for Jackson County, represented the 32d senatorial district in the State senate, where he sponsored much constructive legislation of local, district, and on the State level. When the new and very important water resources commission was established to study and report on the State's water use and resources, he was appointed as a member of that body by Governor Hodges. It was while serving in the senate that he proposed an income tax withholding law for North Carolina. He lived long enough to see that law passed and put into operation, although it was by a money-hunting legislature 2 years later.

The young attorney spent many hours working for industry, schools, roads, the new hospital and other things for the betterment

of Jackson County. During all of this time few people, other than his immediate family, fully realized the tremendous handicap under which he labored, and at times, with much pain and physical discomfort.

The crowning success of his political career came with the nomination as Democratic candidate to Congress and the winning of the 12th congressional seat in the November election in 1958. The few months he was able to serve in Congress he exhibited the kind of leadership and wisdom that this Nation needs in its national representatives. Had his health and strength prevailed there is little doubt of his having made a remarkable record of service to his district and the Nation as U.S. Congressman.

Of the many editorials written about Representative HALL since his death, the predominating theme of most of them has been his "spirit of courage and determination." Quoting the Waynesville Mountaineer, "Representative HALL was an inspiration to people of all ages in all walks of life. He won out many, many times over great odds as he underwent numerous operations in an effort to regain his health. DAVID HALL was a symbol of courage and determination."

Although his county, State, and the Nation have suffered a great loss it is his family who will feel his passing most keenly.

An indication of his concern for his fellowman was one of his last requests—that a scholarship fund be established at Western Carolina College in lieu of floral offerings.

[From the Sylva (N.C.) Herald, Feb. 4, 1960]

THE DAVID McKEE HALL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The many, many friends of the late DAVID M. HALL, throughout North Carolina have an opportunity to honor his memory and at the same time aid many deserving young men and women of this mountain region in pursuing higher education at Western Carolina College.

One of the last requests made by Representative HALL was that in lieu of flowers at his funeral contributions be made to a scholarship fund at Western Carolina College to aid deserving young men and women in securing a higher education at this college. Having struggled through college, himself under great physical handicap, he realized the need for more scholarships at Western Carolina College. His friends have suggested that the scholarship fund be known as the DAVID McKEE HALL Scholarship.

Many people here in Sylva, Jackson County, and elsewhere have said that this is one of the finest opportunities to honor the late

Congressman and are already sending in their contributions. Machinery for handling the fund has been set up at the college and checks may be drawn in the name of the fund and mailed directly to President Paul A. Reid at Cullowhee.

This can well be the source of funds for one of the largest scholarships at Western Carolina College as hundreds of friends of the young attorney and civic leader will wish to remember his life and service to his State in this way.

Our fast growing Western Carolina College does not have a wealthy alumni and therefore scholarships, memorial and otherwise, are not available for those who could qualify for them. The DAVID MCKEE HALL Fund offers an opportunity for many people to join hands in providing for this much needed part of our college.

[From Highlands (N.C.) Highlander, Feb. 5, 1960]

CONGRESSMAN DAVID M. HALL

The untimely passing of Representative DAVID M. HALL is mourned by everyone in this entire area. His death has brought a deep sense of loss to the 12th North Carolina District which he served as Congressman. He will be missed by everyone, and our hearts go out in sympathy to his family.

DAVID HALL's life has been a shining example of courage comparable to the life of the late Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Assuredly no man ever came to the end of his life who had done more to rise above his infirmities in order to unselfishly serve his fellow man than these two men. In spite of the crippling disease since the age of 15, which confined DAVID HALL to a wheelchair, and made him a paraplegic, this handicap did not deter him from acknowledging that it was what he could do for others, and nothing else, that satisfied him, and he fulfilled his destiny of having responsibility, and the burden of other people's business laid upon his shoulders.

His loving and spontaneous service to others will be long remembered. His courage and faith in spite of his adversities will bring hope and faith to many others in the same set of circumstances. His calm, gentle spirit will live on in the lives of everyone in the Nation, who was privileged to know him personally, or know of him through his service to his country and his fellow man.

DAVID McKEE HALL

[From the Sylva (N.C.) Sylvan, Feb. 1960]

JACKSON COUNTY LOST ONE OF ITS ABLEST CITIZENS IN THE DEATH OF DAVID M. HALL

A grievous loss has been suffered by Jackson County, N.C., and the Nation in the recent passing of Congressman DAVID M. HALL, one of the ablest and most highly respected citizens of our day.

Seldom has one in so short a time been able to build such a record of achievement. The disabilities which confined him to a wheelchair during most of his life seemed to instill within him that burning ambition and courage that recognized no limitation.

At a time when lesser men would have accepted their fate, DAVID HALL undauntedly pursued his education and graduated with honors from the Law School of the University of North Carolina. He established practice in his home town of Sylva and demonstrated a legal talent that soon brought him clients beyond his ability to serve without assistance. He represented The Mead Corp. in many important legal matters. He was an honorary member of the Mead Foreman's Club and the November meeting honoring Raymond Sutton, which he attended marked what was perhaps his last public appearance.

His list of official duties includes those of attorney for Jackson County, State senator, and a member of the State water resources commission. In 1958 he was elected Congressman of the 12th district in which honored position he was ably serving when overtaken by the illness from which he failed to recover.

Despite the demands upon his time by legal and official duties, he rendered a full measure of service in civic, church, social, and community activities. With it all he seemed never lacking in time for a congenial chat with his many friends.

His accomplishments in 41 short years is seldom matched in the fourscore and ten allotted to many and truly proves that it is not how long one lives but how well.

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AWARD MADE TO LATE REPRESENTATIVE HALL

"I know in my heart that DAVID is as proud of the award as I am."

With these words, the saddened wife of the late Congressman DAVID M. HALL, of Sylva, accepted a posthumous award Friday given to her husband for being chosen the outstanding handicapped North Carolinian for 1959.

"He was one of the most courageous men I have ever known," Governor Hodges declared in presenting the award. "I can't think of a finer tribute than for the State * * * to give this award to Mrs. Hall and her children."

Mrs. Hall's three daughters—Hannah, 5, Allison, 9, and Anne, 11—watched the presentation in the Governor's conference room.

HALL, confined to a wheelchair for many years, died January 29 of cancer. He was stricken by osteomyelitis during his childhood. At the age of 15, the infection affected his spinal cord, paralyzing him from the waist down. He underwent scores of surgical operations.

Despite his handicap, HALL became the first special student to be graduated from the University of North Carolina Law School with an LL.B. degree. He practiced law for some time in Sylva.

A district committee nominated the late Mr. HALL for the award. Serving on the district committee were Miss Debrayda Fisher, and Mrs. Edith P. Alley.

The following was published in a booklet, "Reach," about Mr. HALL:

"Handicap," as defined by Webster, means to put at a disadvantage or to hinder, but had you been present on January 3, 1959, when DAVID MCKEE HALL, paraplegic, quietly rolled his wheelchair into the Nation's Capitol to take the oath of office as a Member of the 86th Congress, representing the 12th Congressional District of North Carolina, you might have said, "HALL has revised Webster." And indeed you would have been quite correct, because his journey to Washington had been made over a long and toilsome road strewn with boulders of pain and suffering, blocked at intervals by detours of long, lingering months in hospital beds—all of which would have made a person of less fortitude, determination, and driving ambition turn back and thus confirm Webster's definition that a handicap is truly a hindrance. But because of his relentless drive, his complete unwillingness to admit defeat, his all-consuming ambition, the journey had been accomplished. And in so doing, he had lent inspiration and encouragement to others, both handicapped and physically fit, to complete the task at hand, to achieve that goal out yonder, and to do it without complaining.

At the age of 12, DAVID was a round, pudgy, pink-cheeked lad who had more than the normal boy's interest in fishing, hunting, scouting, football and the like. That is, until the day that osteomyelitis destroyed the participation, even though it could not lessen the interest which remained intact for some 28 years later. And thus began the years of suffering, of excruciating pain and of long, long months in Piedmont Hospital, Atlanta—years which deprived him of a secondary education because of the some 200 surgical

operations he was required to undergo and the repeated close brushes with death. At the age of 15, the infection affected his spinal cord to the extent that he was permanently paralyzed from the waist down and thereafter confined to a wheelchair life.

Throughout the 28 years his family, physicians, and close friends were constantly amazed at the indomitable courage he manifested at all times, never discouraged if his plans and activities were brought to an end by another painful hospital experience, but always ready to begin a new project or complete the old one when given brief respites at home.

Then, with the discovery of the sulfa antibiotics, his hospital stays became less frequent, and so he determined to enter the University of North Carolina and like all his plans and ambitions, he carried this to a successful, brilliant conclusion by his graduation in 1948, thus becoming the first special student to graduate from the law school with an LL.B. degree. Thereafter, he passed the State bar examination and opened a law office in Sylva where he practiced law since that time. During the time he was in college, he was not only studying law himself, but was helping blind students by reading to them.

His subsequent achievements and accomplishments came as no surprise to those who knew him best, for at last they were convinced that when DAVID HALL said, "I will," it meant that he would and could. Because of his attitude and demeanor concerning his handicap, one forgets that he cannot stand up tall and straight or that he is denied the simple art of walking into a room. He has never sought concessions or privileges, because of physical limitations; rather, he preferred to take his turn always with the physically normal.

Too much cannot be said for his mental approach to his handicap. Gov. Luther H. Hodges said at the recent Young Democratic Club convention in Asheville that DAVID HALL had exhibited more courage than any man he had ever known. The distinguished Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr., in introducing him at the 12th Congressional District rally in Bryson City, likened his courage and achievements to those of the knight described in the poem "The Broken Sword."

More important than these encomiums is the widespread influence he has had on other handicapped people by his inspiring example and the tangible things he had done for their benefit. Perhaps one of his most noteworthy contributions was in 1946, at Manhattan Institute for the Crippled and Disabled in New York.

Through his understanding and sincere appreciation of the vocational rehabilitation program, he has encouraged many handicapped people, especially other paraplegics, to develop their limited

abilities. Searching out those in need of help and working in close cooperation with the vocational rehabilitation counselor, he has frequently made his office available for conferences and interviews between these individuals and counselors which resulted in their receiving training and/or other rehabilitation services through which they gained a new lease on life.

For many years DAVID HALL devoted considerable time and effort in working with the local committee on employ the physically handicapped; he was instrumental in getting a survey made by the employment service on the county's labor supply which later led to the location of a new industrial plant in the community, thereby creating additional job opportunities for the unemployed. He has helped many handicapped people to secure gainful employment and thus become useful citizens who experience the satisfaction that comes with finding one's place in life.

He has served his district well in the House of Representatives and has been accorded recognition unusual for a freshman representative. He was honored by being appointed to the House Committee on Science and Astronautics, the first permanent standing committee to be created by the Congress since 1892. As a member of this committee, he participated in an 11,000-mile fact-finding inspection tour of the major research and development centers of Western Europe's NATO countries.

He served in the Senate of the 1955 North Carolina General Assembly, has been a member of numerous boards and commissions, was active in the Methodist Church, and in local civic organizations.

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IN MEMORY

The late Representative DAVID M. HALL of Sylva lived in memory in Raleigh last Friday when he was honored as the outstanding handicapped North Carolinian for 1959.

The posthumous award, presented by Governor Hodges, was accepted by the widow, who expressed her pride in the honor and in the memory of her husband.

Representative HALL, who died last January 29 of cancer, had been confined largely to a wheelchair since he was a youngster.

His affliction did not bar him from a university education, his law license, and a successful career in professional, civic, and public life.

To those who knew him, his life and courage were inspiring.

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